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Thatcher visit seen as success

LONDON, March 2 (AFP) — Margaret Thatcher's visit to the United States a "smashing success," the British press Monday was skeptical of its results.

The shadow of domestic problems hung over her talks with President Ronald Reagan. The *Times* and the *Daily Telegraph* said, with the *Telegraph* adding: "Reagan and his advisers will be wishing her well in dealing with these, especially since the extent to which she can 'deliver' military and diplomatic support depends largely on the condition of Britain's economy."

The *Times* pointed out that "Mrs. Thatcher's domestic base was much weaker than it was when she last went to Washington. Then she hailed by her ideological allies notably as gallant ally for the fight against communism, but also as a leading prophet of free enterprise."

"Now her domestic tribulations, closely scrutinized by the American press, have transformed her charisma into an awful warning from which the Reagan administration is busily trying to dissociate itself."

There are many issues on which Washington and London will have less than total agreement, the *Times* said. "On the Middle East there are already differences over the European initiative, and Mrs. Thatcher's visit has probably done little to bridge them. This is a pity because they are liable to affect conclusions over the deployment force."

The *Daily Telegraph* recalled Mrs. Thatcher's indications that she favored NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) naval contribution to U.S. forces in the area.

"It is questionable whether this should, or could, be much more than symbolic," the *Telegraph* said. "Persisting European-American differences over the Palestinian issue add a complication. For stopping Russian aggression in present circumstances the only answer is an effective American nuclear tripwire."

According to the *Guardian*, "by all means the West must develop close links with the Arab states. We have more in common with them than the Soviet Union, but let it be a joint initiative, not a simple announcement that henceforth the Arabs can take courage because the West will sail in with pennants flying."

John West meets Fahd

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd met U.S. Ambassador John West here Monday. The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. John West, who was to relinquish his post last month, has been asked by Secretary of State Alexander Haig to continue until mid-March.

President Ronald Reagan was said to have selected Robert G. Neumann, a senior campaign and transition team advisor, as the next ambassador to the Kingdom.

Jesse Jackson, an American religious minister called on Prince Saud. The minister is visiting the country at the invitation of Riyadh University.

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Official report says

Haj tents must be fire resistant

By a Staff Writer

MECCA, March 2 — Saudi Arabia will warn all Islamic countries that a pilgrim's tent will not be permitted during the Haj unless it is treated to retard fires. The Central Pilgrimage Committee meeting under Mecca's Deputy Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen decided Sunday.

The committee examined a detailed report by a sub-committee that was formed two weeks ago to discuss methods to improve tents and avoid accidents during pilgrimage. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims from around the world converge here every year to perform one of the five pillars of Islam. The report was signed by representatives from

Book exhibit opened

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman opened the fourth Riyadh International Book fair here Sunday. The exhibition, organized by Riyadh University, comprises more than 40,000 books representing more than 400 publishers. The publishers include 60 from Saudi Arabia, and the remaining came from the Arab and Islamic worlds, Europe and America.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwair met with the Iraqi educational delegation led by Khalil Ibrahim, the director of secondary education. Educational cooperation between the two countries was reviewed during the meeting.



Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen

Postal pact signed

JEDDAH, March 2 — The Republic of China will send postal experts to Saudi Arabia under a cooperation and exchange program signed between the two postal departments. The director of postal services in the Western Region, Samir Banaja said two experts will arrive here soon. This was stated during a dinner party in honor of his Chinese counterpart Chien Er-kan, who is visiting the country and inspecting postal institutions.

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civil defense and the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments. Prince Saud said Interior Minister Prince Naif, the committee's president, is extremely interested in the subject.

All Islamic countries will be called upon to cooperate with the Saudi government by warning their nationals before they leave on Haj this coming season. Unless the tents are immune against fire they will not be erected, Prince Saud said. And he added that "the decision is irrevocable."

At the same time, Prince Saud addressed an appeal to Saudis intending to perform Haj this year to take all necessary precautions for their tents to be safe before leaving for Mecca, or else they might be delayed. There will be special centers in major Saudi Arabian cities for treating the tents against fire. The centers' location will be announced soon, the prince said.

The committee also examined several bids by national firms on substitutes for tents. Among the various Saudi Arabian products that might be used as an alternative to tents are locally prefabricated storage units made of various materials like iron and thermal isolators.

Police to undergo training

LONDON, March 2 (LPS) — Senior officers from Saudi Arabia's Public Security Department are to attend courses this year run by two police forces in north-west England.

Half of the 40 Saudi officers due to begin the intensive six-month period of study in April will go to the Cheshire Constabulary's training establishment in Crewe, while the other 20 will go to the Greater Manchester Police training school.

Like fellow-officers who took the command course in Manchester last year,

Agricultural projects approved

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the establishment of three agricultural and poultry projects Monday. The three projects will cost SR41 million, it was reported.

The licensed projects include a poultry farm to be located in Medina on a 220 dunum area. The farm is expected to produce 1.3 million eggs and 720,000 chickens annually. The project will cost SR5.2 million. The second project, to be built in Taif, will produce 3.15 million chickens a year. It will cost SR32.8 million.

The third project will produce wheat and animal fodders and will be located at Wadi Nissah in Kharij. Built in an area of 72 hectares, the farm is expected to produce 160 tons of wheat, 160 tons of grain and 740 tons of fodder plants. The total cost for building



Arab News photo
ENERGY FORUM: Deputy Minister of Industry and Electricity, Mahmud Taiba (second from right) inspects a generator in the French section of the Middle East Electricity Exhibition running until March 5. The ministry itself is participating in the exhibition, featuring development in the Kingdom throughout the past 30 years and plans for industrialization and electricity supply in the future. More than 200 specialist electrical manufacturing companies, including seven out of the ten largest heavy electrical engineering concerns in Europe, Japan and the United States are joining leading Saudi companies in this first specialist electrical exhibition in the Middle East. Six overseas governments have backed joint venture exhibits.

Media covers Fahd interview

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd's statement to the German magazine *Der Spiegel*, received wide coverage in all media Sunday and Monday. Arab newspapers fronted the interview and highlighted his declarations of policy. Arab Radio services also featured the interview prominently.

At the same time foreign news agencies, and other media, reproduced the most important sections of the interview as indications of Arab and Islamic policies and thinking.

Special emphasis was laid on Prince Fahd's affirmation that the Kingdom is determined to have a strong and modern army to be able to defend itself and ward off aggression. They also referred to his announcement that arms purchases should not be affected by political and ideological considerations between buyer and seller.

The media expressed its pleasure that Prince Fahd preferred to buy arms from friendly countries, especially the U.S. and those in Europe willing to sell the arms. The Kingdom wants because Saudi Arabian armed forces have been trained and are used to Western arms and weapons systems.

Important announcement

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & NATIONAL ECONOMY announces that due to architectural defects in its present building situated on Airport Road in Riyadh and due to technical recommendations the Ministry will temporarily vacate and they have rented the building of General Organization for Social Insurance which is located at Airport Road,

South-west of the present building, for two years, the period needed for renovation of the old building.

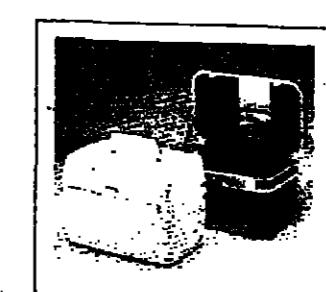
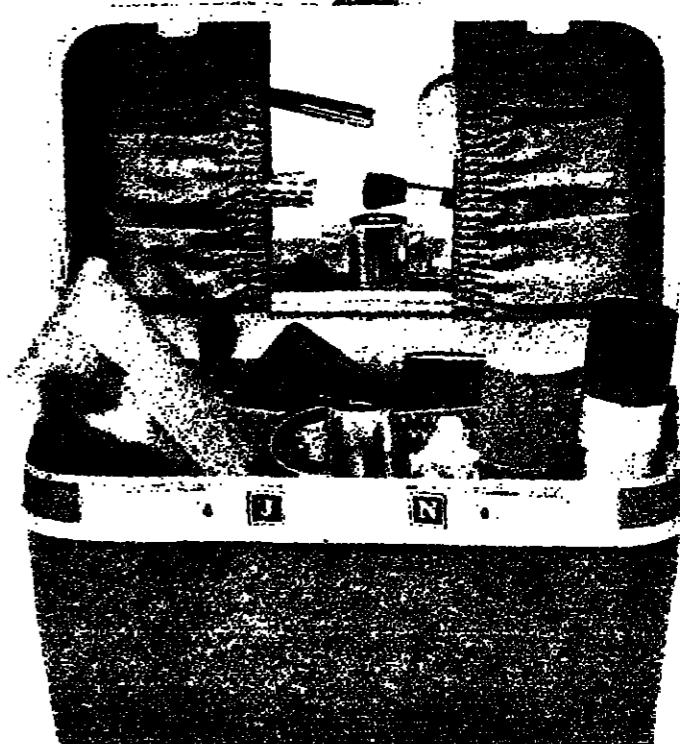
All Ministry departments & equipments have been shifted to the new building except the Minister's office and general Directorate for Budget which will move later.

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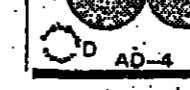
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Solving problems through needles

Acupuncture opens shop in Jeddah

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, March 2 — A Chinese lady doctor working in the city has succeeded in helping her patients give up smoking by treating them with acupuncture.

Dr. Hsia Hong Ying of the New Jeddah clinic told *Arab News* that the treatment is yet to train smokers by injecting needless their ears which connect with the lungs, for several 20 minute sessions the urge to smoke vanishes. One man, successfully treated by Dr. Ying, confirmed that he had given up smoking completely. "I used to be a four-pack smoker," he said. "Shortly after the treatment started I began to notice that the inking for a smoke had decreased and by the time the course was completed, I had given up smoking for the first time in over 25

years of this dangerous habit," he added.

Dr. Ying is a qualified medical practitioner having graduated from the China Medical College as a conventional doctor while studying acupuncture at the same time. "I believe that acupuncture can be an effective way of treatment in many ailments," she said at her office. This is especially so in cases of functional disturbances like sprains and unexplained pain but she can also handle other problems in fact 30 of them.

The ailments include trauma, headaches, lumbago, sciatica, chest pain, HIVD, myoclonus, hiccup, whiplash injury or torticollis, knee joint pain, shoulder joint, pain post-operative conditions, insomnia facial palsy, rhinitis, skin allergy and common skin condi-

tions, herpes zoster, back pain, asthma, Meniere's disease, vertigo, tinnitus, functional G-1 disturbance, abdominal pain, micturition, psychosomatic reaction, vision improvement by treating myopia, rheumatism, hysteria, impotence, smoking which she considers a disease — and overweight which leads to high blood pressure and heart trouble later on.

As Dr. Ying talked, a French woman emerged from behind the screen where she had been undergoing treatment. Her ailment was almost chronic headaches, which gave her a feeling of misery and pain in the forehead and left side of the head. She had gone through several leading French specialists for conventional treatment, but was unable to get rid of the recurring pain which devastated her day when it happened. The last French specialist advised her to see an acupuncturist as a last resort. She was not sure she would find one in the Kingdom since she was packing to join her husband here. But Dr. Ying had set up an office and started practise.

The woman has been receiving treatment the last few weeks, daily at first then every other day for 20 minutes at a time. Since she has been bearing the pain for a full three years she was not quite willing to admit improvement. "Satisfactory," she said. The headaches, caused by a ear block still come and go, but the severity has been reduced.

Government circles and businessmen were given a boost during Safar when Saudi Telephone added more than 290 telex loops to the network: 129 in Riyadh and 105 in Jeddah. The total number of telex services in the Kingdom is now an impressive 8,950, the PTT ministry reported.

Saudi Telephone's repair crews surpassed last month's excellent performance: in Safar the eight hour clearance rate was the best to date for the Kingdom. Jeddah and Riyadh districts cleared 80 per cent and 73 per cent respectively of all troubles within eight hours. Over 95 per cent of all troubles were cleared Kingdom-wide within 36 hours. Due to constant surveillance and maintenance, over 99.6 per cent of all subscriber lines operated without fault per day. All maintenance problems can be reported by simply dialing 904.

During Safar customers received the best service enjoyed to date by the rapidly expanding Saudi Telephone network. The percentage of customers receiving dial tone within 3 seconds was 99.5 per cent the highest ever achieved for this indicator, the report said.

The number of cables damaged by excavating contractors per 1,000 working lines took another drop during Safar, falling from 1.27 to 1.03 damages. Saudi Telephone's free cable location service is partly responsible for this success, as are the enforced government guidelines regarding severe penalties for disrupting the lives of citizens by cutting cables. Saudi Telephone's cable location service can be obtained by dialing "906", the ministry added.

The whole operation looks simple but the philosophy behind it is that without the use of drugs, the human body may be cured by touching the right nerve which leads to the cause of the pain. By applying varying degrees of pressure the nerves respond positively and fight off the reason for the pain as in the case of the French woman. A leading acupuncturist specialist in Hong Kong, who has been devoting his practice to eye ailments has reported astounding successes in treating diseases incurable by conventional methods. His case histories which appeared in the Hong Kong newspapers, included that of an elderly Chinese woman who began to see once more after a lifetime of blindness.

But doctors who do not practise acupuncture are divided. Some believe in its effectiveness in certain areas of human suffering, but others are skeptical. He said he was not willing to accept that it worked because of the complexity of the human body and its functions. He singled out abdominal ailments and said: "All right, Dr. Ying claims that she can treat such cases, but which ones. There are hundreds of abdominal diseases." When told about the story of the chain smoker he said it might have been coincidental. "The man wanted to give up smoking and he used the acupuncture as the physical boost to his psychological readiness to kick the habit," he said. Well at least acupuncture has helped somebody regain his sanity and self control and stop inhaling 80 coffin nails a day.



SEMINAR: Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Abdul Aziz discusses various aspects of Arab cities with officials from Arab countries. The prince dedicated and toured a special exhibition showing various planning designs for cities.

Forgers sentenced to jail

JEDDAH, March 2 — Two Yemeni nationals were fined SR 1,000 each and imprisoned for forging passports, according to an Interior Ministry statement. It said that Abdul Malik Muhammad Al Haj was found

guilty of forging somebody else's passport in his name while the other, Muhammad Hassan Al Saghir, was found guilty of a similar offense. Al Haj also was recommended for deportation after the period of imprisonment.

Prayer Times

Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5.18	4.49	4.37	5.01	5.32	
Ishraq (Sunrise)	6.40	6.43	6.14	6.02	6.25	6.57
Dhuha (Noon)	12.33	12.34	12.05	11.52	12.16	12.46
Asr (Evening)	3.55	3.55	3.26	3.13	3.37	6.06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.27	6.26	5.57	5.43	6.07	6.36
Isha (Night)	7.57	7.57	7.27	7.13	7.37	8.06

New scanner to aid doctors in diagnosis

By Krishnan Nayar

JEDDAH, March 2 — The King Saud Hospital near Jeddah port will have an electronic scanner when its expansion scheme underway is completed in about 18 months. Consent of the authorities to purchase the scanner has been obtained according to Dr. Ibrahim Kattan, surgeon and director of the hospital.

Patients could be subjected to scanning and the "electronic wonder" will pinpoint the area that is afflicted. This makes detection of the ailment easier and once the disease is diagnosed, treatment can start immediately. Wherever the electronic scanner has been introduced, it has become very popular as one can drive into the hospital for a check-up. Dr. Kattan said.

He added the scanner will be very useful in detecting cases of tumor, cancer and blood clots. He was sure it will become instantly popular in the Kingdom.

The hospital, which at present has 30 functional beds, will have a new wing costing SR6 million, the construction of which will start in two to three months. The new wing for 30 functional beds will be completed in 15 months.

The expanded setup will have modern instruments and equipment so that any type of operations can be performed. Equipment worth between SR4 million and SR6 million will be procured, Dr. Kattan added.

The expanded hospital will have increased facilities for X-ray examination and treatment. At present, about 700 persons visit the hospital daily, many from the southern areas of the Kingdom. A nominal fee of SR 5 is charged for examination and treatment. But the demand is growing and hence the expansion plans, the doctor added.

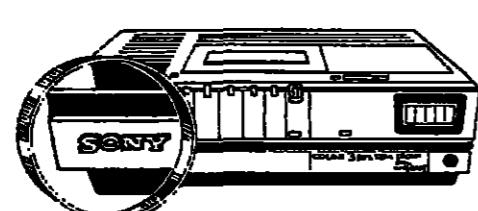
Poultry efforts growing

JEDDAH, March 2 — A British poultry-breeding company, which has broken the world record for the fastest-growing broiler fowls, is increasing its exports to the Middle East. It has developed regular business with many Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, according to a British embassy press statement Monday.

D. B. Marshal Ltd. of Scotland, export by air commercial broiler chicks specially bred for rapid growth. The chickens are then fattened up locally for consumption. The company also exports breeding stock to the Kingdom. The statement said that apart from live birds, the company has a substantial export market in frozen chickens to many Middle East countries.

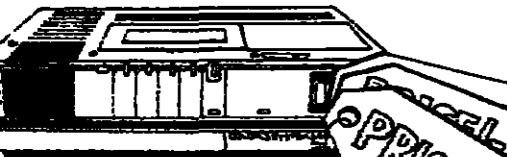
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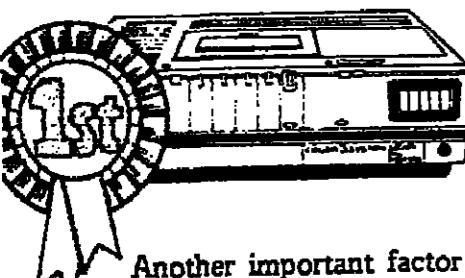
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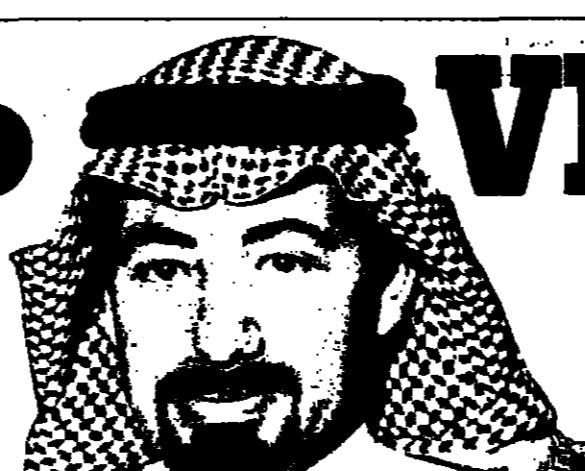


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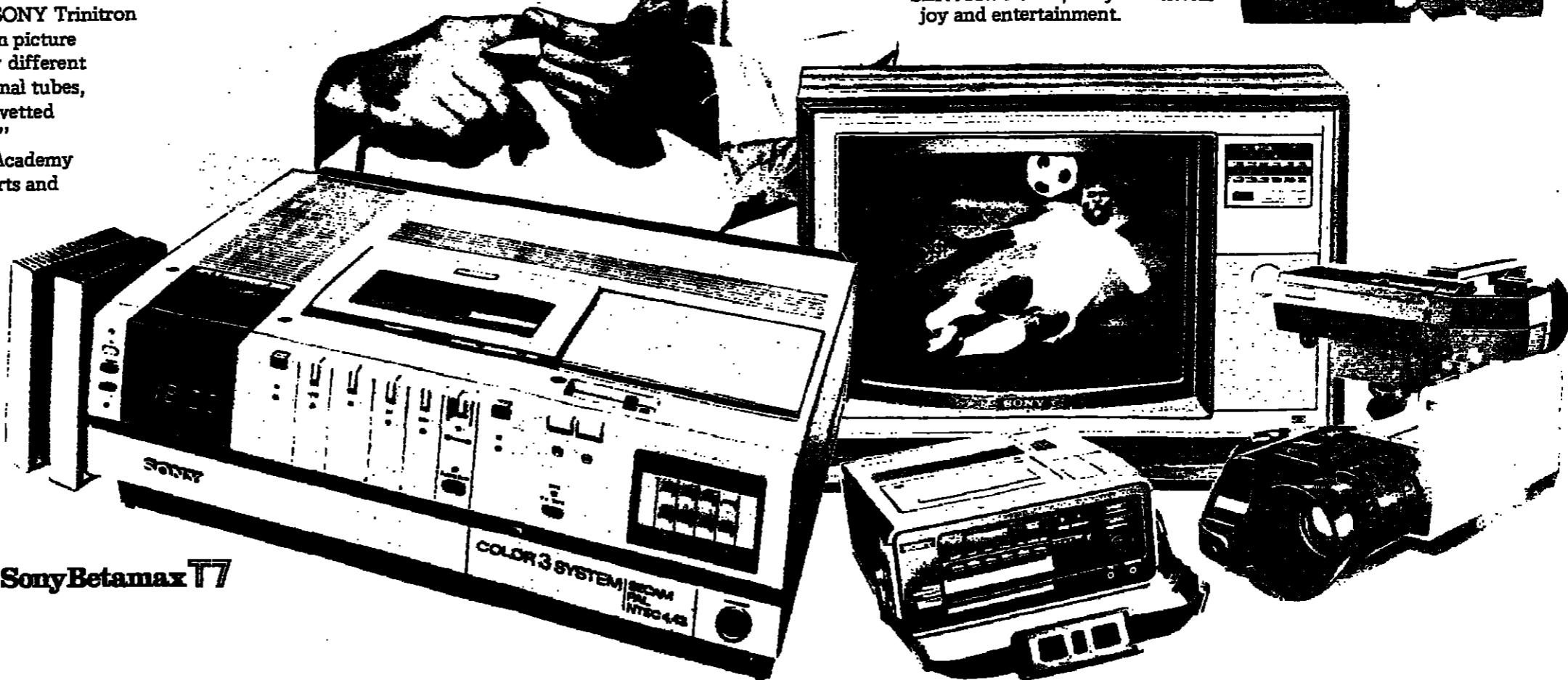


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Against South Africa

U.N. begins debate on economic boycott

UNITED NATIONS, March 2 (R) — A campaign for full-scale economic sanctions against South Africa opened at the United Nations Monday. The General Assembly was reconvened especially to deal with the territory of Namibia (Southwest Africa).

Frustrated by a long series of failures to bring the country to independence, African states are proposing that the 154-nation Assembly recommend urgent action by the Security Council to impose a total boycott on South Africa, which rules Namibia/SWA in defiance of U.N. resolutions. Their demand presents the new U.S. government with its first important U.N. challenge.

Britain, France, West Germany and

Laos refugees seek U.N. talks

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — Laos is a forgotten land that has suffered "injustice and discrimination" and deserves a United Nations-backed conference designed to bring a Vietnamese withdrawal from its territory, a group of Laotians in exile have said here.

A statement issued Sunday by a Laotian refugee committee complained that the plight of Laos has not attracted the kind of political and diplomatic concern that Kampuchea has. "Laos has been raped by the construction of the Ho Chi Minh trail, then deprived of its king, and is now occupied by more than 50,000 Vietnamese soldiers," the statement said.

The international conference could also have the mission of "giving the Laotian people the chance to freely elect its political leaders under international surveillance."

Another widow faces trial in China

PEKING, March 2 (AFP) — The widow of radical Communist party theoretician Kang Sheng has been removed from her National People's Congress (NPC) seat as a prelude to court hearings linked to the recent trial of Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing. New China News Agency (NCNA) said Sunday. Cao Yiu had been "recalled" for taking part in the "conspiratorial activities" of Jiang Qing, who received a suspended death sentence in January, and of Mao's disgraced one-time heir apparent, Lin Biao.

NCNA said a resolution depriving Cao of her seat, passed by the Peking municipal People's Congress standing committee, had been submitted to the NPC standing committee, for the record. Kang Sheng, a party vice

Canada, which joined the United Nations in drafting a settlement plan approved by the Security Council, also will have to decide whether to agree to coercive measures. Many diplomats believe the Western allies will shy off and plead for yet more time to bring South Africa to terms.

The decision to recall the General Assembly, in recess since January, was taken after U.N.-sponsored talks in Geneva on the Namibia/SWA problem collapsed. These were supposed to have led to a ceasefire between the guerrilla forces fighting a 14-year bush war against the South Africans in the northern area, the installation of a big U.N. military and administrative operation, U.N.-supervised elections and independence.

But South Africa and the local political parties it supports declined to go through with the plan, partly because they doubted the U.N.'s impartiality. The General Assembly recognized the guerrilla group SWAPO (the Southwest Africa People's Organization), as sole authentic representative of the Namibian people.

A resolution drafted by the U.N. Council for Namibia for submission to the General Assembly Monday proposes a further hefty subsidy for SWAPO, whose observer mission here is underwritten by the U.N. and receives millions of dollars in other U.N. aid.

The Reagan administration has not said whether it endorses the Western settlement proposals and many diplomats feel South Africa allowed the Geneva talks to fail because it believed it could count on new friends in Washington. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the new U.S. chief delegate, told reporters last week that the administration had still not formulated its Africa policy.



ROAD BLOCKS: Members of the former Rhodesian African Rifles gather at Luveve Road, west of Bulawayo, to cut off any attempt by ex-guerrillas to move toward the center of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe recently.

Premier's appeal heeded

Thai Democrats to stay in coalition

BANGKOK, March 2 (AFP) — Members of the Thai Democrat Party who have threatened to resign en masse from the country's shaky coalition government Sunday decided to hold fire after an appeal by Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda.

30 German terrorists untraced, official says

COLOGNE, West Germany, March 2 (AP) — Following the arrest of a suspected West German terrorist in Australia, chief prosecutor Kurt Rehmann warned Sunday against underestimating the dangers still threatening from terrorism.

In an interview with the Cologne-based radio station Deutschlandfunk, Rehmann said some 30 terrorists belonging to the Baader-Meinhof gang and its branches were still at large. He said although some 30 suspected terrorists had been detained and police discovered over 30 secret apartments since September of 1977, those suspects still wanted constituted a considerable danger for this country's internal security.

Cao is expected to appear in court in the near future. NCNA described her case as "serious" and said it has aroused great popular indignation. Cao Yiu is still a member of the Communist Party central committee elected in 1977.

Gen. Prem, who is also the country's army chief, returned Sunday from the northern capital of Chiang Mai after reports that the Democrat Party ministers in the cabinet would resign Monday, threatening the collapse of the tenuous coalition government he formed a year ago.

The premier refused to make any statement at Bangkok's Don Muang airport on his arrival about 2 p.m. and was whisked off immediately in a military car. But it is believed he made the appeal Sunday morning to Democrat Party officials by telephone from Chiang Mai, where he saw King Bhumipol Adulyadej.

The Democrats threatened to resign from the government after allegations of corruption in parliament over a controversial oil deal. Democrat leader and Deputy Prime Minister Thanat Khoman said in a statement that he and his four party cabinet colleagues would resign Monday to give the prime minister a chance to form a new cabinet.

The other resignations included the minister of justice, a deputy industry minister, a deputy interior minister and a deputy minister of education. Gen. Prem has been attacked by other parties in the coalition for "weakness" in dealing with the problems that arose during the oil deal.

Dissatisfaction with the tenuous coalition

Chinese embassy intruders get 12-year terms

HONG KONG, March 2 (AFP) — A court has handed down 12-year jail terms to two ringleaders who organized the intrusion into the Chinese embassy in Hanoi by a truck carrying 16 persons on board last June 20, radio Hanoi has reported.

Five men, five women and six children aboard the vehicle tried to seek political asylum in the Chinese embassy but were handed to the Vietnamese authorities after nearly 12 hours of negotiations. After hearings held Friday and Saturday, the people's court in Hanoi jailed the two organizers, Le Si Thang, a 37-year-old artist, and Nguyen Dai Dang, a higher institute cadre of the same age.

Their brothers who were also accomplices, Le Si Tuan and Nguyen Ngoc Nong, were each sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

The radio said: "their actions bear a political character which, in fact, amounts to treason."

The court was told that Nguyen Ngoc Nong, a truck driver at an electric bulb factory in Hanoi had bribed Hoang Nghia Thang to steal a truck from the factory.

Thang received 18 months' imprisonment for misusing socialist property to create conditions for the defendants to commit a crime. After stealing the truck, Nong drove his accomplices and a number of relatives into the Chinese embassy compound in a bid to flee abroad.

Press booming in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, March 2 (AFP) — In the free-wheeling capitalist economy of this British colony adjacent to China, a free press is flourishing in general and the Chinese press is booming in particular. By the latest official count there are a total of 82 Chinese papers of all shades and sizes in Hong Kong, with a combined daily total circulation estimated by the advertising circle of 2.6 million.

Hong Kong has the second highest newspaper readership in Asia after Japan. For every 1,000 persons there are 490 copies of papers in Japan, 350 in Hong Kong and an average of 102 elsewhere in Asia. Atten U.S. cents a copy, the Chinese newspaper is still one of the cheapest sources of information and entertainment in a society gripped by double-digit inflation year after year.

Of the 82 Chinese papers, almost all printed by the offset process, only a handful are heavyweight while the majority are mosquito papers of one broadsheet each, catering to special reader interests. The majors among the Chinese papers with their claimed daily circulations in brackets are *Sing Tao Jih Pao* (210,000), *Wak Kit Yat Po* (130,000), *Ming Pao* (175,000), the *Oriental Daily News* (450,000) and the *Sing Pao Daily News* (300,000), all being independents.

has been mounting since Gen. Prem formed the present government after the resignation of former Premier Kriangsak Chomphun on Feb. 29 last year, and the Thais have shown an increasing lack of faith in their premier. But Western observers said that Gen. Prem still has the support of the army and is unlikely to be ousted by the political crisis.

Winds delay trans-Pacific balloon flight

TOKYO, March 2 (AP) — Gusting winds have forced a postponement of the launch of the *Double Eagle V* trans-Pacific balloon flight, Kyodo news service has reported.

The balloon, with its crew of three Americans and one Japanese, was to have lifted off from Nagashima, a resort 289 kms west of Tokyo, at about 10 p.m. (1300 GMT) Sunday. The balloonists hope to reach California, 9,699 kms away, in three days and if all remains well, sail on across the United States to the east coast.

The total trip of 74,400 kms would triple the existing record for a single balloon flight.



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However, Son Sam, head of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, who has always so far opposed any alliance with the Khmer Rouge, could be conspicuous by his absence.

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Unwed father wins custody of child he never saw

JACKSON, Tennessee, March 2 (AP) — A Montana lawyer who went to the U.S. Supreme Court to fight for his parental rights as an unwed father is coming to Tennessee this week to take custody of his 25-month-old son whom he has never seen.

"I'm a little nervous," Robert Terrazas said in a telephone interview from his Missoula, Mont., office. "This has been a long fight." Terrazas, Texan who went to college in California, fought all the way to the Supreme Court for legal custody of the son who has given up for adoption by a former girlfriend shortly after he was born.

Lawyers say Terrazas' battle has for the first time established the right of an unwed father to have a voice in whether a child may be given up for adoption even though the mother agrees to give up custody. In Terrazas' case, the legal fight meant overturning a Georgia court order giving custody of the boy to a family that later moved to Jackson.

The story began when Terrazas was dating Roneva Anderson in Santa Clara, California, in 1977. According to court records, Miss Anderson became pregnant in 1978. Terrazas says he told Miss Anderson that he wanted to keep the child, but she broke off their relationship and, with the help of a Roman Catholic priest, established a home in a Reno, Nevada, convent.

When the child was born, Miss Anderson gave him up for adoption. According to court records, the mother signed an affidavit claiming she did not know the identity of the father.

Tommy and Ann Marie Riggs, who lived in Moultrie, Georgia, adopted the boy in proceedings in a Georgia court.

Terrazas, meanwhile, was trying to locate Miss Anderson and his son. "It wasn't an easy thing," he said last week. "It took a lot of time and effort."

The Riggs later moved to Jackson, and Terrazas, using court records, finally located the child and filed a lawsuit in Madison county chancery court to overturn the adoption and win custody.

Tennessee courts eventually ruled the Terrazas was entitled to custody of his son because the affidavit signed by Miss Anderson was fraudulent. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the state court decision a week ago.

The Riggs have declined to discuss the matter with reporters, but their attorney, Jane Outman of Atlanta, said last week they were upset by the court decision.

Terrazas, who is still single, said he recognizes that the change in parents may be traumatic for his son. "It isn't going to be easy, I know," he said. "I'm going to break it to our relationship gradually."



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Weinberger seeks defense hike

*Let's continue
SALT talks,
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WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger will ask Congress to add \$3 billion to the 1981-1982 U.S. military budget. In an interview on NBC television, Weinberger said the increase — which former president Jimmy Carter had recommended — would put the military budget at \$177.7 billion for 1981 and \$222.8 billion for 1982. The Pentagon has prepared several military programs that will benefit from the increased funding, he said.

About \$2.5 billion will go to development of a modern bomber. Weinberger did not specify whether this would be the B-1, whose production was halted by Carter.

French jail escape resembles movie

PARIS, March 2 (AP) — French police have few leads in one of the greatest prison escapes in the nation's history — a 30-second helicopter breakout that strangely resembled actor Charles Bronson's film *Breakout*.

The two fugitives and their two rescuers have not been seen since they fled to a waiting car after ordering a helicopter pilot to land on a field in Paris about 20 miles north of the maximum-security prison where the escape occurred Friday. The pilot, who was ordered at gunpoint to land on a soccer field at the prison where an inmate game was in progress, was questioned for more than eight hours by police Friday.

Police said pilot Claude Fourcade, 48, was shown more than 400 mug shots of known criminals but was unable to identify the two mysterious men who had hired him for what was supposed to be a simple tourist flight from Paris south to Orleans in the Loire Valley.

In a peculiar twist, Fourcade had worked on the set of *Breakout* and in several other films depicting prison escapes with the use of helicopters. Police have stressed Fourcade is

The greatest part of the additional funds, \$20 billion, will be devoted to strengthening non-nuclear land, sea and air defense, Weinberger said.

Under the new defense budget, the Carter administration's proposed navy shipbuilding program for 1982 will be doubled. Some \$840 million will be used for a new cruiser fitted with Aegis anti-aircraft missiles and about \$660 million will be put into the construction of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier whose total price will be about five times that amount. Funds for the rapid deployment force will be raised by \$670 million.

A top Soviet diplomat meanwhile said in New York Sunday that the Soviet Union is prepared to continue strategic arms limitation talks "without delay," but will not "be a party of burying SALT II."

Alexander Bessmertnykh, the Soviet charge d'affaires in Washington, D.C., also said the Soviet Union was allowing the

administration of President Ronald Reagan time to "firm up its position" on SALT II before it would agree to re-enter discussions on the treaty. The treaty's passage in Congress has been stalled since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

However, speaking on the CBS program "Face the Nation," Bessmertnykh said "We shall not participate in talks which have the specific aim of crossing out the SALT II treaty or breaking down the principles on which the SALT I treaty is now being functioning and on which the SALT II treaty is now being signed."

The diplomat also repeated the Soviets' denial of reports that they had supplied arms to guerrillas in El Salvador. "There is no proof of it and no documents of it and there cannot be any documents of it because it is not true at all."

He also denied the "James Bondish ideas" he said were circulating in Washington that arms were supplied to the central American country through Soviet bloc countries and through Cuba, Vietnam and Nicaragua. "It's really a laughable story because the Salvadoreans declare themselves that they can easily buy the weapons on the weapons markets which are quite abundant in Latin America," he said.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AP) — A priceless collection of 19th and 20th century paintings originally owned by art dealer-publisher Ambroise Vollard, who helped Picasso, Renoir, Gauguin, Chagall and other modern masters sell their work, will be put up for auction here on March 19 and 20. The group includes Paul Cezanne's 1861 portrait of French writer Emile Zola, and *The Standing Guitarist* painted by Henri Matisse in 1903.

WASHINGTON, (R) — Giant galaxies 10 billion light years from earth have been identified for the first time and may help scientists determine whether the universe is expanding indefinitely or faced collapse inward on itself. The galaxies, the most distant celestial bodies ever observed, were studied by three scientists from California and Arizona whose report appears in the March 2 issue of *Astrophysical Journal*.

PANAMA CITY, (AP) — Former Panamanian President Roberto Francisco Chiari died here Sunday, one day before his 76th birthday. Chiari served as president of Panama twice, once in 1949 and again in 1960-1964.

WILSTER, (AP) — West German police said Sunday that 127 of their men were injured, seven of them seriously, during the previous day's clashes with demonstrators near the Brokdorf nuclear power plant project. Police declined to say how many demonstrators were injured in the clashes.

MANILA, (AP) — A Nigerian student was found hanging by the neck and in an advanced state of decomposition in his boarding house room here Sunday, it was reported Monday. The dead man, Olwole Longe, 24, a student of a downtown Manila University, was discovered by other students in the dormitory. He had last been seen alive a week ago, fellow students said.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — A total of 33 persons died and several were blinded in India's southernmost Kerala state after drinking poisonous liquor brought from government licensed stores. Kerala Excise Minister M.K. Krishnan said Sunday. Earlier reports had said 25 persons died after consuming the brew last week at Pathinapuram.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Arnold Weisberger, a theatrical lawyer whose clients included Laurence Olivier, Orson Welles, David A. Selznick and Helen Hayes, has died at age 74. At the time of his death, the New York city resident had been working on his memoirs, to be titled *Double Exposure*.



(AP wirephoto)

SIX ON ONE: It was not to save money, but just fun, that forced these six men to use only one pair of skis together. Of course, it was not an Alpine or Nordic skiing competition, but a part of a carnival parade held in the small Austrian town of Steyring, near Linz, last week.

Expedition to North Pole

4 men to ski across Arctic

WARD HUNT ISLAND, Canada, March 2 (AP) — A four-man expedition has landed on this tiny island near the northernmost point of Ellesmere Island waiting for more favorable weather conditions to start skiing across the Arctic Ocean to the North Pole.

The expedition, led by Laurie Dexter, an Anglican priest from Arctic Bay, North West Territories, is attempting the first overland trip to the North Pole without air support or dog teams. Lee Houchins, a member of the Explorers Club of New York, one of the sponsors of the expedition, said Sunday in a telephone interview that the group landed at Ward Hunt Island, 21 nautical miles west of Cape Columbia on Ellesmere Island, at 10:55 a.m. EST.

Houchins, a resource associate with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, said Ward Hunt Island instead of Cape Columbia will be the new departure point for the expedition to "take advantage of the more favorable terrain."

The landing place, a frozen lake on north-central Ward Hunt Island, was recommended

Search for ship crew renewed in Aleutians

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 2 (AP) — The coast guard renewed its air search Sunday for 19 missing South Korean crewmen who fell into the frigid north Pacific as they were trying to flee their fire-ravaged cargo ship. One body has been recovered.

Searchers made aerial passes over the snow-swept sea some 144 kms west of Attu island, the westernmost point in the Aleutians, looking for survivors. Of the 26 crewmen originally on board the *Daerim*, three were rescued by Soviet ships, but one died Sunday. The whereabouts of three others, first thought to be still aboard the 1,500-ton vessel, was unknown.

to Dexter by Rocky Parsons, pilot of the chartered twin-Otter which landed here. Houchins, who is not a member of the expedition, said visibility near the surface was severely restricted due to blowing snow. He said winds of up to 30 knots were expected in the next few days. The breeze was 15 knots at the time of landing.

"We expect that Laurie Dexter and his mates of the Canadian North Pole expedition will spend the next few days rearranging the gear on their sled and waiting for more favorable weather before they set off on the ocean ice for the North Pole," Houchins said the expedition left Resolute, N.W.T., Saturday and had a stopover at an Inuit settlement on the southern coast of Ellesmere Island.

Dexter said in an interview before departure that the 752-kilometer journey, expected to take about two months if successful, was "one of the last great challenges left to us." Dexter, a 35-year-old former physical education teacher, has lived among the Inuit for a decade and said he has picked up survival tips from his hunting trips with them.

Other members of the expedition are Peter Charkiw, a 28-year-old high steel worker, Rob Kelly, 32, an elementary school teacher, and Bruce Laedebu, 25, an outdoors instructor.

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Bock claims Castro shot U-2 plane

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — A soon-to-be-published book by a former Cuban newspaper editor and aide to Fidel Castro contends the Cuban president "pressed the button" on a Soviet ground-to-air missile console in Cuba in 1962 and shot down an American U-2 spy plane flying over the island.

Carlos Franqui, who edited the official Castro movement newspaper *Revolution* from 1957 to 1963, said Castro took command of the console and shot down the plane amid astounded Soviet generals who had been explaining the workings of the missile base in Pinar del Rio, west of Havana.

The body of the U-2 pilot, U.S. Air Force Maj. Rudolf Anderson, was returned to the United States shortly after the incident, which occurred during the six-day Cuban missile crisis. Castro's purported role in the incident is described for the first time in Franqui's book *Retrato de Familia* (family portrait).

Franqui, who sided with Castro guerrillas in the Sierra Maestra mountains during the revolution but left Cuba after the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, was reached in Rome by telephone Saturday. He said the book will be published in mid-March by the Spanish Seix Barral Publishing Company and that several European weeklies will publish excerpts this week.

Franqui told the Associated Press that on Oct. 27, 1962, during the Cuban missile crisis, Castro had "a fit of anxiety caused by the unresolved crisis, during which he was ignored as the two superpowers negotiated the fate of the island."

Franqui contends Castro "went to one of the bases with intent to create the incident in order to know if they were going to invade or not ... if there was going to be a war or not." Franqui says that when Castro reached the Soviet base, he asked the technicians about the operation of the equipment, including the radar for the detection of enemy planes.

Shortly after, "the U-2 spy plane appeared in the radar screen. Fidel asked to know what had to be done in order to shoot down those planes in case of an attack," Franqui said.

"The Russians replied that it was enough to push a button and the enemy plane would be hit and shot down and showed him the button. Fidel then pressed the button and the plane came down amidst the consternation of the generals. The American pilot died, the only victim of the crisis," Franqui said.

Franqui also says in the book that it was "through a bulletin from the Associated Press that Castro found out that the Soviets had decided to withdraw the missiles from the island in an unilateral move, without consulting with him."

"I imagined that Fidel knew what was going on and I phoned him," Franqui said. When Castro answered, "I asked him what to do with the bullet. Fidel did not know what I was talking about and asked me to read him the news."

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TENTATIVE MOVES

The desert war of North Africa in which the Algerian-backed Polisario front is fighting Moroccan control is the single most serious cause of tension in the region and it is with anticipation that the Arabs are watching tentative moves to improve the situation between Algeria and Morocco.

Since Spain withdrew from the mineral-rich but sparsely populated region five years ago, the Polisario, aided by Libya and Algeria has been waging a "war of liberation" to oust the Moroccans who took over the old Spanish colony. Mauritania which was Morocco's partner in the takeover and the subsequent war, opted out under pressure of the conflict. Its economy was ruined, the army demoralized and the people disenchanted.

Libya has been financing the supply of arms to the Polisario but the Algerian aid worries Morocco more. It consists of sanctuaries and training grounds which Morocco cannot hit without igniting a major war in the desert.

The problem is difficult and delicate. Morocco claims that the region belongs to it historically, geographically and ethnically and that it has merely recovered it from foreign colonial domination and exploitation. Algeria denounced the deal with Spain because it did not take the views of the 60,000 population into consideration. Because of mutual hostility between King Hassan of Morocco and the late Algerian leader Boumedienne, war broke out between the two countries using Polisario as a proxy.

The two countries have suffered from the war while enriching the coffers of their Western and Soviet arms vendors. The people themselves and the Polisario front fighters gained very little, if at all.

It is time for Algerian and Moroccan diplomacy to realize the folly of continuing this mutual destruction and for their leaders to meet and put an end to it. Without a meeting at summit level and the willingness to give and take, the war will go on with the people on either side paying an increasingly high price.

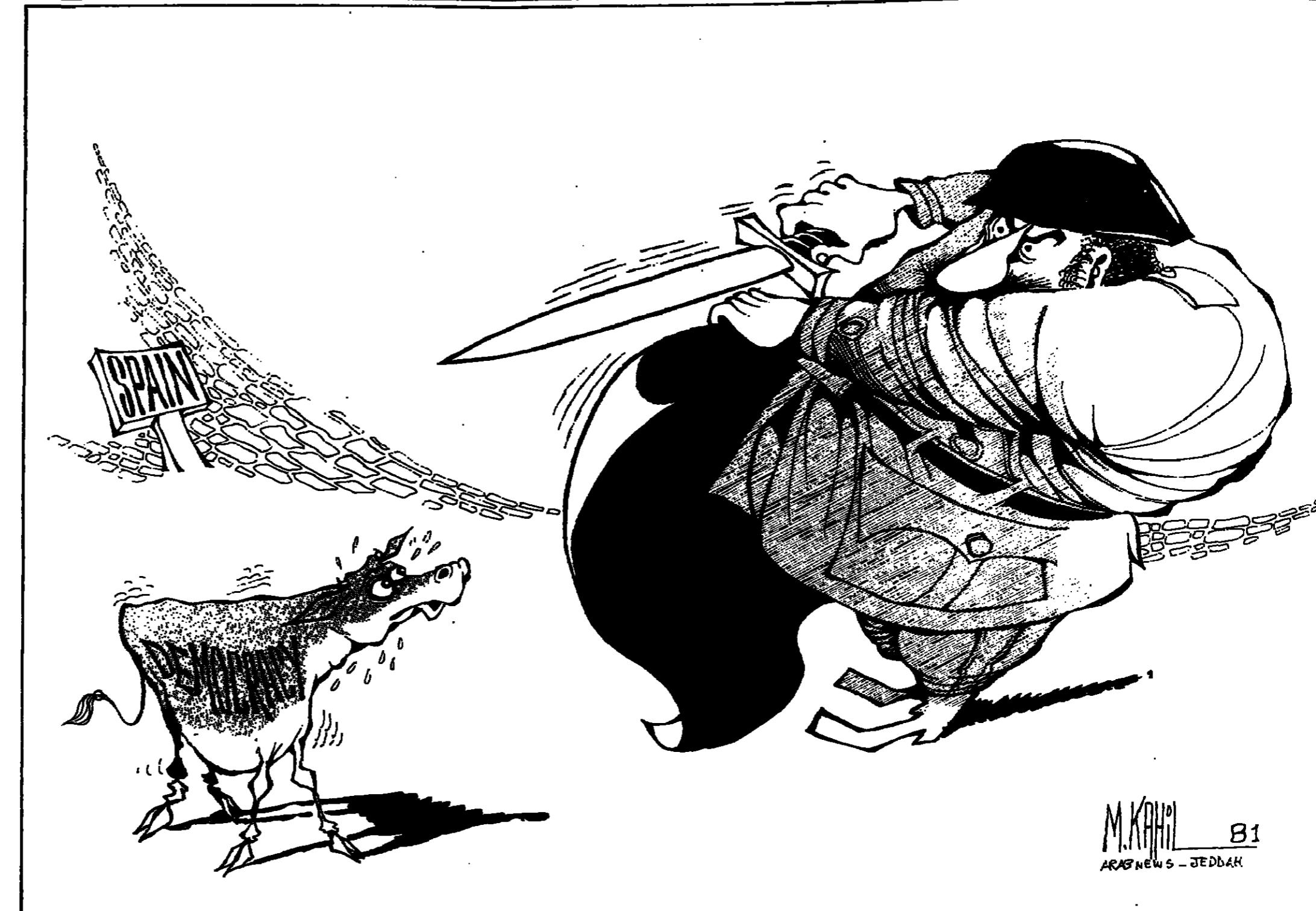
Saudi Arabian Press Review

Crown Prince Fahd's interview with the German newspaper *Der Spiegel* was carried as the lead story in Saudi Arabian newspapers Monday. They gave prominence to Prince Fahd's reaffirmation that Saudi Arabia would buy arms from any source to build a modern army to defend the country.

Newspapers frontpaged King Khaled's welcome to Crown Prince Akhito of Japan Sunday. They also gave page one prominence to the Kingdom's ratification of the unified treaty for the investment of Arab capitals in Arab states. The Arab goodwill committee's talks with Iranian leaders in Tehran and later on their departure to Baghdad figured prominently on the front pages of the newspapers which also reported that Iran has agreed to amendments in the clauses of the Algiers accord between her and Iraq.

Newspaper editorials mainly concentrated on the crown prince's interview with *Der Spiegel*, reviewing the broad points on which Prince Fahd dwelled to explain the Kingdom's policy on several issues. *Al Riyad* observed in an editorial that millions of riyals being spent on arms are not for any amusement, but a necessity created by threats from several forces.

In the midst of Zionist provocations, the states of the region would have no alternative but to build their own forces, said the paper, adding that pacts or any political and military trend is only another name of colonialism, no matter how different are its methods. Reviewing the crown prince's statement on the supply of German arms, the paper endorsed his views that the Kingdom is free to buy arms from any source in the world. It added that Prince Fahd's statement has made it clear that, although



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Why Spanish coup attempt failed

By Ronald Koven

MADRID —

The Spanish army's deputy chief of staff, who negotiated for the king during last week's coup attempt and was considered one of his most loyal officers, has been abruptly dismissed amid widespread speculation that the parliament takeover was part of a military plot involving top commanders. The attempt failed mainly because the generals misjudged the depth of King Juan Carlos' commitment to the democratic constitution developed in Spain's five-year transition from the rule of Gen. Francisco Franco, according to reports from foreign diplomats here and Spanish politicians and journalists.

The liberal afternoon newspaper *Diario 16* created a major sensation with a front-page banner on its final edition saying that the dismissed deputy chief of staff, Gen. Alfonso Armada, "was the key figure in the coup." The story said that unimpeachable political and military intelligence sources had identified him as playing a key role and possibly acting as the "mastermind."

This sensational allegation, which Madrid's major morning papers were planning to spell out in detail, was published shortly before the parliament met to continue the business that was interrupted when Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero Molina stormed into parliament — designation of a new premier to replace Adolfo Suarez.

In what appeared as something of an anticlimax to last week's events, Suarez' deputy premier, Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, won confirmation by a vote of 186 to 158 in the 350-member lower house. The vote that was being conducted was made necessary because Calvo Sotelo fell seven votes short of a majority on the first try the previous week.

Reliable Spanish political and military sources said that in a conversation between Armada and the king about 90 minutes after parliament was taken over, the general told Juan Carlos that there was widespread military support for a putsch but that it could succeed only if the monarch agreed to go along, the King replied that the plotters would have to kill him first, these sources said.

Juan Carlos was quickly called by two of Spain's nine captains-general, who serve as the nine regional commanders. The two commanders of Catalonia and the Basque country, headquartered in Barcelona and Burgos, immediately rallied to the king, according to a version of the calls made public by the Barcelona commander.

Capt.-Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch of the Valen-

cia region, meanwhile, went over to the rebellion, proclaiming a state of emergency suspending democratic freedoms in his region. He was arrested later for "repeated disobedience to orders."

After getting the backing of the Catalonians and Basque area commanders — controlling Spain's two most industrialized and autonomy-minded regions — the king called the armed forces joint chiefs of staff into session. According to the reports from Spanish political sources, he asked them to call the six remaining captains-general, but the chiefs hesitated to do so for at least two hours. The takeover of parliament was at 6:30 in the evening, and the king did not go on the air to order the military to obey him for almost seven hours, presumably because he was still counting on his supporters.

Armada was only recently appointed to the post from which he was fired last week. He has moved from a provincial command and named a few days after Suarez resigned Jan. 29.

Reports circulating among foreign diplomats and

Spanish politicians for some time that Armada was part of a group, including prominent business and banking figures, advocating a stop to what they regarded as riot in the state over excessive grants of autonomous powers to Spain's regions and lack of vigor in the struggle against terrorism. The conservative newspaper ABC advanced Armada's name for prime minister four weeks ago.

Although no concrete evidence has surfaced, veteran observers here infer from the fact that Armada was named the mediator between the king and Tejero inside the parliament at Tejero's request, and the fact that a "competent military authority" promised by Tejero never showed up in parliament, that some officers wanted Armada to be voted in as premier by the hostage deputies.

Reliable sources say that while there was nothing in Armada's behavior to make the king immediately suspicious, Juan Carlos got alarming reports about the way he was conducting the negotiations with Tejero. Armada was replaced as the go-between with Tejero about midway through the 18-hour captivity of parliament.

Other indications from military behavior at a more subordinate level in the Madrid region show that a number of officers were involved. For instance, the former commander of the Madrid region's key Brunete Armored division, who was transferred a year ago after rumors of involvement in plotting, reappeared at division headquarters last week and met with his old staff.

Various elements of the division played roles in the plot such as briefly taking over the state radio and television and reinforcing the civil guard captors in the parliament building with a unit of white-uniformed military police. Tejero, in what was then interpreted as bragging or wishful thinking, named a list in parliament of five military regions that had rallied to the coup. The list proved wrong, but some Spaniards wondered whether he had some good reasons for issuing it. (W)

Politics, recession curb NATO spending boost

By Henry Gottlieb

BRUSSELS —

Western European governments are struggling to increase military spending but politics and economic recession will stop most of them short of targets requested by the United States. At a time when U.S. President Ronald Reagan wants to add 20 per cent to his predecessor's \$1.96 billion defense budget, countries like Britain, Belgium and Norway are turning their pockets inside out to find money for new weapons.

West Germany faces political opposition to higher spending and in Denmark a sizable portion of the electorate thinks defense is not worth the cost.

An Associated Press survey of these and the seven other European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization shows that this year few governments will meet a 1978 goal to increase defense expenditures by 3 per cent a year above inflation. U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in a statement greeted warmly in Europe, said the 3 per cent goal may be simplistic. Nevertheless, Reagan administration officials have said they still believe the European allies should do more for their defense.

To arguments that social welfare costs and budget restraints take priority over defense, Wein-

burger's deputy Frank Carlucci told an audience in Munich: "The hard truth is that none of us can have social welfare and economic prosperity unless our alliance is strong enough to maintain the peace and to protect our access to vital energy sources and raw materials." He said the U.S. Congress would be reluctant to spend more on military programs that help unless the European do more.

Most of the issues in the debate have surfaced in West Germany, where budget restraint has been prescribed for economic woes that include the worst unemployment in postwar history and high inflation. That country's 1981 defense budget is \$41.2 billion, a 2.2 per cent inflation-adjusted increase. Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown called it a "severe disappointment."

Defense Minister Hans Apel says there is "growing pacifism" in the country and several parliamentarians of his own ruling Social Democratic Party made an unsuccessful bid to switch nearly half a million dollars from the defense budget to the foreign aid budget. Apel wants to spend more money on defense, but also wants the Reagan administration to appreciate what Europe is already doing.

He said European members provide 91 per cent of NATO ground forces, 75 per cent of the air forces and spend \$80 billion a year for defense of the continent.

Britain has been one of the most hawkish of U.S. allies. Defense Minister John Nott said the \$28.1 billion 1981 defense package would exceed the 3 per cent target this year.

Other British officials say, however, that in future years there may be some slippage. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has joined her European counterparts in calling the 3 per cent figure an aim, not a promise.

French officials and analysts are proud of the higher level of French defense spending, especially in light of its withdrawal from the NATO military arm in 1966. The 1981 French defense budget is expected to increase at about the same level as it did in 1980, when it rose 4.7 per cent adjusted for inflation.

"It's much easier to sell the defense budget in a nationalistic independence context," a leading independent military analyst said. All major political parties, including the Socialists and Communists, have adopted the strategy of an independent French nuclear force.

Italy also plans major weapons purchases and intends to spend 6 per cent more above inflation on defense in 1981 than last year. Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo said after last month's trip to Washington that U.S. officials were satisfied with Italy's performance.

Analysts at NATO headquarters point out that Italy had the furthest to go to catch up with its allies. In 1980 it spent \$6.5 billion on defense, about the same as Holland and Norway combined which together have about one-third Italy's population. Italy spent 2.4 per cent of its gross national product on defense in 1980, one of the lowest percentages in the alliance.

The Netherlands government has budgeted a 1.5 per cent defense spending hike for 1981. Defense Ministry spokesman A.J. Sligting called that a one-year departure from the 3 per cent pledge because of economic problems. "We believe that NATO would suffer more if a country like the Netherlands has a continually sick economy," Sligting said.

Dutch Labor Party opposition leader Harry Van Den Berg said that although NATO membership is not a major issue, "among the social and political elite there is a much increasing tendency not only against NATO but against arm's increases in general."

In Denmark, polls show that citizens feel the country would have little chance in a general war, with or without high military spending. A poll last fall said 40 per cent of Danes feel that it is not worth the money to beef up Danish forces. Denmark's \$1.4 billion 1981 defense budget represents no real increase over 1980.

Belgium also will remain at current levels, to balance a budget filled with spending on benefits for the 10.6 per cent of the workforce without jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies for declining industries. Last year, part of the Belgian air force was grounded when money for fuel ran out.

Norway, which shares a border with the Soviet Union, spent more per capita on defense in 1980 than any NATO country except the United States, Britain and West Germany. In 1981 Norway will meet the 3 per cent target, spending much of it to buy U.S.-designed F 16 fighter planes and strengthen its coast guard.

No one in the alliance expects Turkey or Portugal to make significant strides in bettering their defenses. Both countries' governments are on the edge of bankruptcy, and maintaining internal stability is a higher priority for NATO. Turkey and Portugal have received massive economic assistance from their NATO partners. Turkey has received tanks from West Germany, and Portugal got naval frigates from several countries.

Little pressure on defense spending is expected to be exerted on Greece, also suffering economic problems. NATO officials are content for the time being that Greece rejoined the military structure late last year after a six-year absence.

For Luxembourg, it will probably meet the 3 per cent target in 1981, but the tiny country contributes only a battalion of foot soldiers to NATO's defense. (AP)

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Joy in life



TAKE A STROLL: Charles, the Prince of Wales, and his fiancee, Diana Spencer, (seen in photos) take a stroll in front of Buckingham Palace. London: The betrothal of the prince with Diana, announced last week, gave the quietus to speculation about their romance. The marriage is expected to take place this summer, probably July.

Diana Spencer next queen of Britain

By Robin Lustig

LONDON, (ONS) — After six months of non-stop speculation about his marriage plans, Prince Charles has finally put his people's minds at rest. Yes, he is going to marry Diana Spencer.

The formal confirmation came in a brief announcement from Buckingham Palace last week: "It is with the greatest pleasure that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh announce the betrothal of their beloved son, the Prince of Wales, to Diana Spencer, daughter of the Earl Spencer and the Honorable Mrs. Shand Kydd."

The marriage will be in the summer, probably July, and almost certainly in Westminster Abbey, scene of so many of Britain's ceremonial occasions. Diana is only 19 but for the past six months she has been subjected to an "ordeal of publicity" that has satisfied both Prince Charles and the country that she has what it takes to be queen. She has been discreet yet unfailingly polite to pressmen who have dogged her every step for weeks on end.

The Prince is 32 and has come under increasing pressure over the past few years to find himself a wife and "settle down". Although his mother, Queen Elizabeth shows no signs of intending to abdicate the throne, the country is conscious of the fact that he will, one day, be king and responsible for providing an heir to the throne.

Prince Charles proposed to Diana more than two weeks ago, before she flew to Australia for a brief holiday. He presented her with a sapphire and diamond engagement ring. The girl who will be queen is attractive and has a ready smile and neatly-cropped shoulder-length blonde hair. She has been working as a kindergarten teacher but will give up her job to prepare for the wedding. Her parents are divorced, and her stepmother is a daughter of the best-selling novelist Barbara Cartland. When Diana first came to public attention last September, she was photographed at her kindergarten with her back to the sun, revealing that she was wearing an exceedingly thin skirt and no petticoat. Despite that early embarrassment, she soon learned how to cope with the demands of the press and never again put a foot wrong.

The announcement was scarcely unexpected. The morning editions *The Times*, which does not usually speculate on royal romances, ran a front-page report about the engagement. And the mass-circulation *Sun* newspaper ran a series of photographs showing that Diana visited Buckingham Palace last week for a meeting with the Queen and Prince Philip.

The Prince's decision to marry Diana will be highly popular with the people of Britain, who still have deep affection for the royal family and have long wished the young prince well. In many respects, since her family and his have long been friends, she fulfills the role of the "girl next door." So much so, in fact, that for a time, Prince Charles went out with her elder sister Sarah.

As a child, Diana knew the Queen well enough to call her "Aunt Lillibet." Friends of the two families say that the Prince used to treat her as a kid sister (he was already 13 when she was born) but last summer their friendship developed into romance.

There is a certain irony in the timing of the Prince's wedding. It comes when Britain is suffering from the worst economic recession since the 1930s, with one in 10 of its workforce unemployed. When his sister Princess Anne married in 1973, Britain was about to be plunged into the miseries of the fuel crisis brought on by the OPEC oil embargo and a strike by coal miners which led to a three-day working week. Then, as now, a royal wedding did wonders for public morale and helped bring the country through a difficult period. And as London businesses are already happily anticipating a July wedding for the Prince will do wonders this year for the tourist trade.



Princess Hissa graces function

'Saudi Evening' a grand success

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH — 'Saudi Evening' at Al Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society this past weekend was a colorful display of customs and costumes. Both evenings, one primarily geared for the expatriate ladies, were well attended and a good occasion to catch up on Saudi Arabian folklore and traditional attire.

Crossing the green gate housing the Faisaliyah Society was like entering an enticing new world, or rather, an old world. The grounds were covered by Oriental rugs and tents, including an authentic Bedouin black tent; old chests served as tables, while the air was perfumed by the scent of sandalwood and folkloric melodies.

Visitors were greeted by the organizers who were dressed in traditional local costumes from various regions, escorted to their seats and offered tea or milk with dates until dinner was served. Visitors had a choice sitting on chairs or under tents. Most expatriates wishing to get the real feel of the evening opted for the tents. They could wander around before the main program started, watch craft work in progress or get their hands painted in the intricate designs with henna. Princess Hissa bint Khaled, the president of the society, and other organizers chatted with the guests explaining things and answering questions in an atmosphere of gaiety and relaxation.

An excellent program of regional folk dances, a wedding ceremony, abaya and veil demonstration, and a dress and jewelry show followed the traditional Saudi Arabian dinner. According to secretary Suad Afifi, it took the society several weeks of preparation and practice to present the program. "Members of the society and many others have helped us procure the costumes, jewelry, carpets, tents and other things to have an authentic traditional Saudi setting," said Suad.

Princess Hissa bint Khaled, who moved around among the guests added charm and cordiality to the evening. It was refreshing to see the absence of strict protocol normally associated with royalty in remarks to *Arab News* the Princess said. "In our family, we don't believe in harsh protocol. We are of the people. This is our way of life dictated both by religion and tradition."

Princess Hissa, a mother of four, has been president of Al Faisaliyah Society for several years. She is an active member of the board and often visits homes of old people and women prisoners whose children are looked after by the Faisaliyah Society. In spite of a busy home and social life she takes an interest in the society's activities. "Yes, I am busy with family and children but then I feel I have a duty to the more unfortunate among us," she said.

During her visits to women prisoners the inmates ask for her help to reduce their sentences or for release, but Princess Hissa said "We can help their families financially and look after their children and sell the things they make while in jail. We cannot interfere in the affairs of the government."

Even before she became the president of the society, Princess Hissa devoted much of her time to social work. "Since childhood I was interested in helping others. In our religion, helping the needy is an important thing and our family was always encouraged to be gracious and helpful to others."

"The Saudi Evening," said the Princess, "would help make Saudi Arabians aware of their traditional and project to the expatriates the local costumes and folklore." Another Saudi Arabian lady, Bilqis Siraj, who has spent many years abroad both with her father and later with her husband, expressed similar sentiments. "I feel very happy and proud of our folklore and tradition. I have spent so much time abroad that I never realized we had such a rich folklore. For some

years people were rejecting our traditions now they are reviving them — it is marvelous."

According to Bilqis, the time to imitate others has gone. Old wedding style and other traditional ceremonies are coming back.

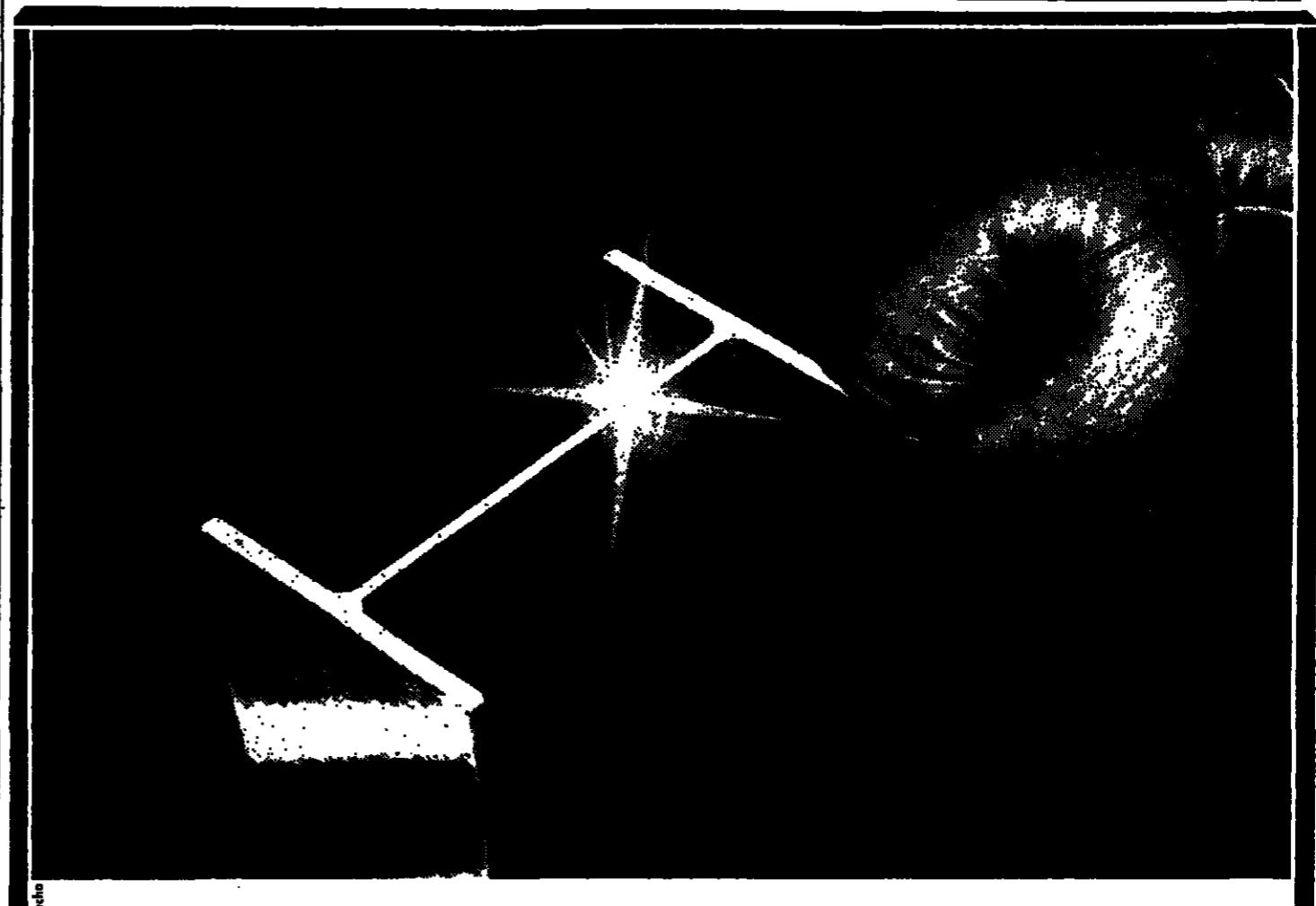
Lulu al Fahdi said that the tents, carpets and several other things were donated by Princess Hissa and Prince Saudi ibn Abdul Mohsen. All the decorations were done by members and of the society.

Fatima Bousinah, wife of the Tunisian Ambassador, said "It is an excellent program and we are thankful to the society for giving an opportunity to see such a folklore."

Mimsie Placke of the American Embassy felt that this type of program brings the Saudi Arabians and expatriate closer. She said "I like the atmosphere of friendship. No sooner did we enter, someone was there to receive and take us around. We get a feeling that we have made friends." Anthony Gray of the British Embassy found it an enthralling experience. She felt that foreign women might like to see more of such programs.

Two visitors to the Kingdom from the United States, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McNeil, were also impressed by the program. Mrs. Anderson, whose husband is a well-known figure in the literary world, said, "It seems so fresh and there is a variety of costumes". Mrs. McNeil, a former director of the Girl Scouts of the U.S. found the program very colorful. She said, "I am fascinated by the expression on the people's faces. There is an intense interest among the people and a pride among the locals in their heritage."

These comments sum up the impact the program has made. It was an evening to be remembered for a long time to come and one to be looked forward in near future. The Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society and the organizers deserve praise for making the "Saudi Evening" a grand success.



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In NBA games

Suns, Celtics score impressive wins

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — The Phoenix Suns and Boston Celtics had a couple of points to make. The Suns, led by center Alvan Adams 30 points and 10 rebounds, showed they can win in Los Angeles by beating the Lakers 101-96 in the second half.

The Suns, who had lost their last 11 games (including playoffs) on the Lakers' home court, stretched their Pacific Division lead over Los Angeles to 4½ games.

"It was a great win for Phoenix because they hadn't beaten us here in 3½ years," said Lakers coach Paul Westhead. "If I was Phoenix I'd be very happy. This makes our part of the divisional race very difficult."

Earlier, the Celtics served notice that they are not quite ready to concede the Atlantic Division title to Philadelphia by beating the 76ers 114-107 at Boston Garden, thus trimming Philadelphia's division lead just 1½ games.

"First place is a matter of pride," said Boston's Larry Bird, who had 24 points, 15 rebounds and five assists. "They're still in the driver's seat. We're going to have to keep on winning because Philly's not going to lose anymore until we play them again."

The Suns, who outrebounded the Lakers 42-35, used a 10-2 spurt midway through the fourth quarter to clinch the victory. That gave Phoenix a 97-87 lead and Los Angeles no closer than five points after that.

In other NBA games Sunday, the Milwaukee Bucks routed Washington Bullets 137-107, the San Antonio Spurs beat the Houston Rockets 102-86, the Dallas

Shanghai triumphs

HONG KONG, March 2 (AP) — Shanghai beat Bangalore 3½ to ½ Sunday and won the third Asian Cities Chess Tournament in Hong Kong. Shanghai accumulated 22 points in the seven-day competition, one ahead of Metro Manila, who crushed Bangalore 4-0 in the final round.

Guangzhou, who were joint overnight leaders with Shanghai, slipped to third place after being held to 2-2 by Jakarta. Twenty-six teams representing cities from 13 countries took part.

Motocross photo contest

Friday's EMCA Motocross meet will also be the venue for keen amateur photographers as they vie for prizes in an exciting competition.

The Camera contest is sponsored by Ahmad Hasan Faihi, watch and jewelry specialists, who will be giving one of their new Certina watches as the first prize, and Arab News, who will be offering a six-month free subscription of the daily for the second best picture taken at the event.

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Poland blasts Czechs for world handball title

PARIS, March 2 (Agencies) — Poland restored some of their tarnished handball pride by clinching the World Group 'B' men's title with a 23-16 win over Czechoslovakia in the final match here Sunday.

More than the title, which the Poles were expected to win anyway, it was the manner in which they went about demolishing everyteam that came in their way which caught the eye.

Poland found themselves ousted from the top group following their dismal seventh place in the Moscow Olympic final and their experienced side made it clear from the start they regarded this as a temporary aberration.

They swept through their group matches in majestic style, crushing Sweden, France, Iceland, Austria and the Netherlands in the process, but in the final they came up against a determined Czechoslovak side which began tenaciously.

The Czechoslovaks, also unbeaten, held their own up until 6-6 in the first half when the combined weight of the lofty Polish attack led by Waszkiewicz and Klempel began to tell.

By half-time the gap had increased to two points at 13-11 and the Poles scored a flurry of goals early into the second half to make the vital break which the Czechs never looked like reducing.

Waszkiewicz finished top scorer with nine goals followed by Klempel with seven. Kotrc was the top marker for Czechoslovakia with four goals.

Apart from Poland and Czechoslovakia, the other three qualifying places for next year's Group "A" Championship were

claimed by Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland.

In other final games Saturday, Sweden downed Norway for third place Switzerland beat France for fifth place, Israel ousted Ireland for seventh place and Bulgaria defeated Holland for ninth place.

Austria and Norway will be sent into Group C handball activities because of the last place finishings in the Group 'B' championships. The two teams both had failed to win a single match in the five games leading up to the championships.

In the first half of their game Sunday, Austria led 9-7 by the 20th minute of play. Their lead decreased to a one-point margin at the half, 11-10, but Austria fought back to dominate the second half.

Rodolfo Gomez bags marathon

TOKYO, March 2 (AFP) — Mexico's Rodolfo Gomez won the Tokyo-New York Friendship marathon here Sunday. Gomez (2:11.00) was followed by Tony Person of Sweden.

American runners Randy Thomas and Benji Durden were behind Person in 2:12.31 and 2:13.07.

Japan's Minetaro Samamoto, the 1978 Asian Games marathon gold medallist was fifth in 2:13.22. Another Japanese Takehiko Kikuchi was sixth in 2:14.24 and Ian Thompson of Britain seventh in 2:14.39.

Until the 26 km half way mark it looked as if a Japanese runner would win once again but Masato Chiba who led the pack by about 100 meters for nearly an hour faded and allowed the others to catch up.

Gomez made a blistering final spurt about two kilometers out and left the rest of the field strung out more than 100 meters behind him as he entered the National Stadium.

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BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan says he agreed with last year's Olympic Boycott and opposed the Soviet Union as a site for the Summer Games in the first place. Reagan expressed his opinion in the current issue of Inside Sports magazine. He said he hoped for worldwide participation in the 1984 Summer Olympics at Los Angeles.

HONG KONG, (AP) — Taiwan's Chen Tse-ming shot a two-under par 69 Sunday to win the \$120,000 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Golf Open by one stroke from Australian Graham Marsh. Chen 29, surged into the lead with four birdies in the first 10 holes but bogeys at the 12th and 17th presented him with the prospect of having to par the difficult final hole to win the tournament.

SOUTH AFRICA, (AP) — Four South African golfers are to take part in the French Amateur Championships to be held at Le Touquet it was announced here. The quartet, who have yet to be selected, will go on to take part in the British Amateur Championship at St Andrews in June.

IVORY COAST, (AP) — Vordon Brand won a sudden death play-off against fellow Briton Martin Poxon to win the Ivory Coast Open Sunday.

LOURDES, (AP) — France will have to do without the services of number eight Manuel Carpenter for the vital Five-Nations Rugby Union match against Wales at Parc Des Princes, Paris, next Saturday. The 21-year-old line expert is to undergo an operation on his right fibula which has been bothering him for several weeks.

Shastri bowls Indians to innings victory

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 2 (AP) — The touring Indian cricketers gained their first victory in New Zealand Monday when they easily beat Otago by an innings and 14 runs at Carisbrook, Dunedin.

The young Indian left-arm spin bowler Ravi Shastri ended the Otago second innings with figures of five for 21 and had a match analysis of seven for 91.

Paceman Kapil Dev, bowling of a shortened run because of the slippery conditions, took two wickets in his second over of the day and crushed any Otago hopes of a recovery.

Sunil Gavaskar, the Indian captain, was pleased with the victory on the eve of the second Test. "It's always good to win a match immediately before a Test," he said. Yashpal

Jari Puukonen ousts Kogler for crown

OBERTSDORF, West Germany, March 2, (AFP) — Jari Puukonen of Finland clinched the World Ski Flying Championship here Sunday despite a fine final day by Armin Kogler of Austria.

Kogler, produced jumps of 171 and 168 meters to total 395 points in an inspired attempt to reduce the lead Puukonen had built up over the first two days.

Puukonen was up to the challenge, however, jumps of 171 meters gave him second place for the day and an overall total for the three days of 1,201 points to Kogler's 1,140.5 points.

In Mora Sweden, Sven-Aake Lundbeck of Sweden won the 85.8 km Swedish Vasaloppet Cross Country Skiing race Sunday in 4h 29.32, ahead of his compatriot Bengt Hassis (4h 31.32) and Ingебjoern Lundvall (4h 31.48). The race commemorates the flight of the king of Sweden Gustav Vasa before the invading Danes.

Sharma was named man of the match for his innings of 89.

Earlier, the Indians averaged more than a run a minute. Their middle-order batsmen particularly proved themselves to be prolific scorers. Yashpal Sharma, Kirti Azad and Roger Binny between themselves slogged 17 boundaries and five sixes.

SCOREBOARD

Otago (2nd Innings) 187
INDIA (1st Innings)
T.E. Srinivasan b Bracewell
C. Chaitan c Hoskin b Bracewell
S.J. Gavaskar c Blakely b Bracewell
G. Venkatesh st. Lee
b Bracewell

Y. Sharma c Hoskin b Bracewell
K. Dev b Bracewell
R. Binny c Blakely b Bracewell
R. Shastri c Blakely b Bracewell

Y. Singh not out
B. Radley c and b Bracewell
Extras Total

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-106, 3-119, 4-234, 5-255, 6-261, 7-296, 8-311, 9-317.
BOWLING: Walker 4-1-3-0; McKechnie 4-0-2-0; Bock 20-89-3; Bracewell 40-2-15-7.

OTAGO (2nd Innings)
I. Rutherford b Yograj Singh
G. Venkatesh b Shastri
G. Hoskin c Vergarakar
b Shastri
W. Blas c and b Chauhan
K. Azad c and b Chauhan
G. Dawson c Viswanath
b Shastri
B. Blair c Binny b Shastri
W. Lee c and b Chauhan
D. Walker c Kapil Dev
K. Radley c and b Shastri
S. Bock not out
Extras Total

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 13-2-24-2; Yograj Singh 4-1-10-1; Radley 2-0-3-0; Ravi Shastri 23-12-22-5; Kirti Azad 19-9-36-1; Chetan Chauhan 3-0-1-1.



"PUNCH UP": Britain welterweight champion Colin Jones (Wales) and Mark Harris (Guyana) enjoying a glass of punch in London recently. The two clash on Tuesday in a 15-round contest for the Commonwealth welterweight title at Wembley Conference Center.

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For grand double

Mayer breezes his way to title

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, March 2 (AP) — Gene Mayer completed his rush through the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships by defeating Roscoe Tanner 6-2, 6-4 in just 70 minutes Sunday. Mayer was seeded second in the tournament, but he breezed through the week's competition without losing a set.

Holding a miniature cotton bale, a silver bowl and a first-place check for \$36,000, Mayer told a crowd during presentation ceremonies, "this is almost like coming home."

Tanner, a native of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, was seeded fifth in the tourney. For his second-place finish, Tanner, whose booming, left-handed serve had little effect on Mayer, won \$18,000.

"This week has had its ups and downs but the fans got me through until today," Tanner said. "I wish they could have helped me a little more Sunday but Gene was just too good."

"I didn't get enough first serves," Tanner said. I might have been trying too hard because Gene returns so well. "I don't feel I

played too badly." "I just played a very good player who was better today. He is, after all, the fourth-best player in the world."

After winning the single's title with relative ease, Mayer returned to the court and teamed with his brother, 28-year-old Sandy, to win the doubles title in a duel that lasted almost three hours.

The Mayers defeated Mike Cahill and Tom Gullikson 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 to become the first brother team to win a major doubles title.

The Mayers won \$12,000 which means Gene won a total of \$42,000 for the day.

In Mexico City Jaime Fillol of Chile defeated David Carter of Australia in two straight sets Sunday, 6-2, 6-3 to win the final round of the \$75,000 Capistrano Cup Championship.

Marty Davis and Chris Dunk of the United States beat Ross Case and John Alexander of Australia 6-3, 6-4, to win the Capistrano doubles competition.

A total of 17 Americans participated in the tournament, along with seven Australians, five Mexicans, two Chileans, one Argentinian and one Peruvian.

Meanwhile, India's Vijay Amritraj will

face Italy's Adriano Panatta in the final of the City of Turin International Tennis Tournament Sunday.

Amritraj reached the final when South Africa's John Kriek forfeited his match Saturday because of acute flu. Amritraj upset heavily-favored Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 on Friday.

Panatta beat fellow Italian Corrado Barazzuti Saturday evening 6-3, 6-1 to reach the final. Panatta seemed to have recovered completely from an injured right arm and beat his longtime rival in less than an hour. Barazzuti made some spectacular shots but his play was spotty.

Hans Gildemeister of Chile beat Poland's Wojciech Fibak 6-1, 6-7 (3-7 tie break), 6-4 Saturday evening. Both players showed good form but Gildemeister was in better condition and Fibak tired at the end. Gildemeister was to play Italy's Gianni Odeppo in one of the consolation matches. Barazzuti will play Fibak in a match to decide third and fourth places.

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Andy Bean claims Bay Hill Classic

ORLANDO, Florida, March 2 (AP) — With Struggling Tom Watson unable to generate anything resembling a threat, Andy Bean ambled to an unchallenged, overwhelming, seven-stroke victory Sunday in the Bay Hill Golf Classic.

Bean made it look easy. He fired a front-running, 2-under-par 69 and set a record on Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club Course with a 266 total, 18 under par.

The seventh career triumph for Bean, at 27 one of the game's most promising young performances, was worth \$54,000 from the total purse of \$300,000. And, as has happened several times before, Bean's victory came on

a runaway. His winning margin was the largest since Jack Nicklaus won the 1980 PGA by seven shots.

Bean, who combines a deft, delicate short game with his awesome physical strength, opened the warm, sunny day with a three-shot lead over Watson. The rest of the field was too far back to have any realistic hopes of overtaking the leader.

Bean needed only three holes to raise his margin over Watson to seven. From that point on, it was no longer a question of who would win, only by how much.

Bean, whose home is only a few miles away, said he has played this course perhaps

100 times and ranks it among his world favorites.

Watson, a record-setting money-winner for the last three seasons, eventually took that position with a hard-won 73. He finished with a 273 total. Curtis strange birdied four holes in a row over the back nine and came on to take third with a closing 67 and a 275 total.

Rookie Mark O'Meara, tied with Watson for second, finished in shaky fashion, including a double bogey on the last hole. He was fourth 72-276. The group at 277 included Mick Soli, Brad Bryant and Mike Donald. Soli and Donald matched par 71 and Bryant shot 67.

BENEFIT SHOW: Former world champion Eberhard Gienger performing on the horizontal bar which was augmented by Matheus Nissen and Bernd Erffing during a benefit show staged on behalf of gymnast Christel Müller, who fell during training and was paralyzed.

Squash mini-boom hits Kingdom

By Geoff Gardner
Al-Khobar Bureau

AL-KHOBAR, March 2 — Still think of squash as the little brother of tennis? Well, in popularity it is, although Saudi Arabia's experts have recently prompted a mild squash boom.

Players dress in tennis attire, carry a racket little more than half the size of a tennis racket, and hit a small, soft, black rubber ball. The game isn't on a miniature schmalz-sweat, hot, outside court though, but an often air-conditioned, inside playing area.

Squash isn't "little tennis." Squash is, however, a game which will continue to gain followers here among expats and Saudi Arabians.

Westerners, including the English, who invented the game almost 150 years ago, aren't the predominant players in international squash today. In fact, seven of the world's top ten squash players are from Pakistan and Egypt. Could squash be Saudi Arabia's next major sport?

Judging by the fantastic success of Egypt, Arabs are physically built to be successful in the sport," Kim Eeles, Head Squash Coach at the University of Petroleum and Minerals, said. "Squash players have tended to be of

average height or small with a low center of gravity. Generally, small players are the good players. Other sports develop size and strength, while squash players must have quickness and light touch with the ball. There is no emphasis on brute strength. The more proportioned player can give the delicate touch. He has to get low to the ball."

As an example, Eeles said that Gwain Briers, Britain's number two player is considered perhaps too tall to compete with the lighter, smaller Pakistani players.

Other advantages of the game here is that play is continuous. A player can work out for 40 minutes during his lunch break and get a full complement of exercise. And with the extreme heat during the summer, squash will draw more participants as more courts are constructed.

Manifestations of the current boom is clear in the Eastern Province. The start of the fifth year of the Gulf last year, and several men's and women's organized competitions indicate that the area is a hub of squash activity and will continue to be.

This year 24 teams with 10-man squads will play most of their Gulf League matches at UPM's seven courts. The first leg of the season began last Oct. and concluded in Dec., allowing the UPM Squash Committee to place the teams in an appropriate level of

competition. Winners of the first leg were the UPM All-Stars in the Premier Division; the British Air Corporation Al Rhowda team in Division I, and the Aramco II team in Division II.

Play in the second half of the season began Feb. 8 and will conclude April 16. In addition to eight league matches, organizers have established a Gulf Cup competition to give all teams a chance to play one another in an unseeded draw. Gulf Cup play ends May 7.

Culminating the season is the Kingdom-wide Invitational Squash Tournament, scheduled for Apr. 30-May 1 at the UPM glass-backed faculty-staff recreation center courts. Last year Hosny Abdul Moneim beat former Egyptian champion Mustapha Hussein in the tourney, which included players from Jeddah, Riyadh, Yanbu, Jubail, and the Dharan-Khobar-Dammam area.

The Gulf Squash League reflects the broad interest and quality of squash. Like the Eastern Province Tennis League, it was organized to provide UPM students with good competition. And like the tennis league it has grown. Starting with five teams in 1976, the number is now 24, with several denied entry because of lack of courts, Eeles said.

Eight teams constitute the top flight Premier Division, which Eeles characterized as having players who have reached national standard or high county standard in their home countries. One example is 26-year old Latif Rafique of the Aramco team who played internationally for India. "At the top competition is very keen, and some players have had immense experience in the game," Eeles said.

Next, Division I quality of play is as high among the number one players of the nine teams, but drops off after. Alan Minty of the Damman entry once played for Scotland's team. The Division is a good college standard in England, Eeles said.

Division II has seven teams with some fairly strong number one players, but little depth. Some are still learning about the game or are beginners. One of the purposes of the League is to provide organized competition for those who want to play, regardless of experience, and Division II offers it.

UPM students haven't been lost in the expansion of the league. Senior Omar Ben Jabal of UPM's division II team nearly reached the quarter-finals of last year's national tournament, and all the players are gaining match experience.

Nor is the popularity of squash limited to the Eastern Province. Sixty-one players entered Jeddah's first Open Squash Tournament in January. The event, won by former Egyptian junior international player Hussein Abu El Noor, determined which four players will go to the national tournament in Dhahran.

Women are also enjoying the squash boom. The first Ladies' Invitational Squash Tournament was played Nov. 20-21, 1980 at the UPM recreation center courts.

"The ladies' tournament indicates how interest in squash had increased in the Eastern Province," Eeles said. "There were eight leagues in UPM on a regular basis. Squash for both men and women has increased with the growth of squash courts and access to the courts. And more players will be playing when the hot weather comes."

Eeles and the rest of the UPM Squash Committee are planning a National Invitational tournament for women, probably later this year.

At 5 five-foot, eight-inches and 154 pounds, Eeles is one of the smaller athletes who succeed at squash. Like many other players here he took up the game at the relatively late age of 17. But he learned enough and was good enough to play at Loughborough College in Leicestershire. Playing number four he twice helped his team reach the finals of the British Universities Team Championships. He earned a Bachelor of Education degree at the university, considered by many to be Britain's top physical education college.

Eeles has been active in promoting squash since his arrival at UPM in 1978. In addition to teaching physical education classes and head squash coaching responsibilities, he has coached faculty members and helped organize tournaments.

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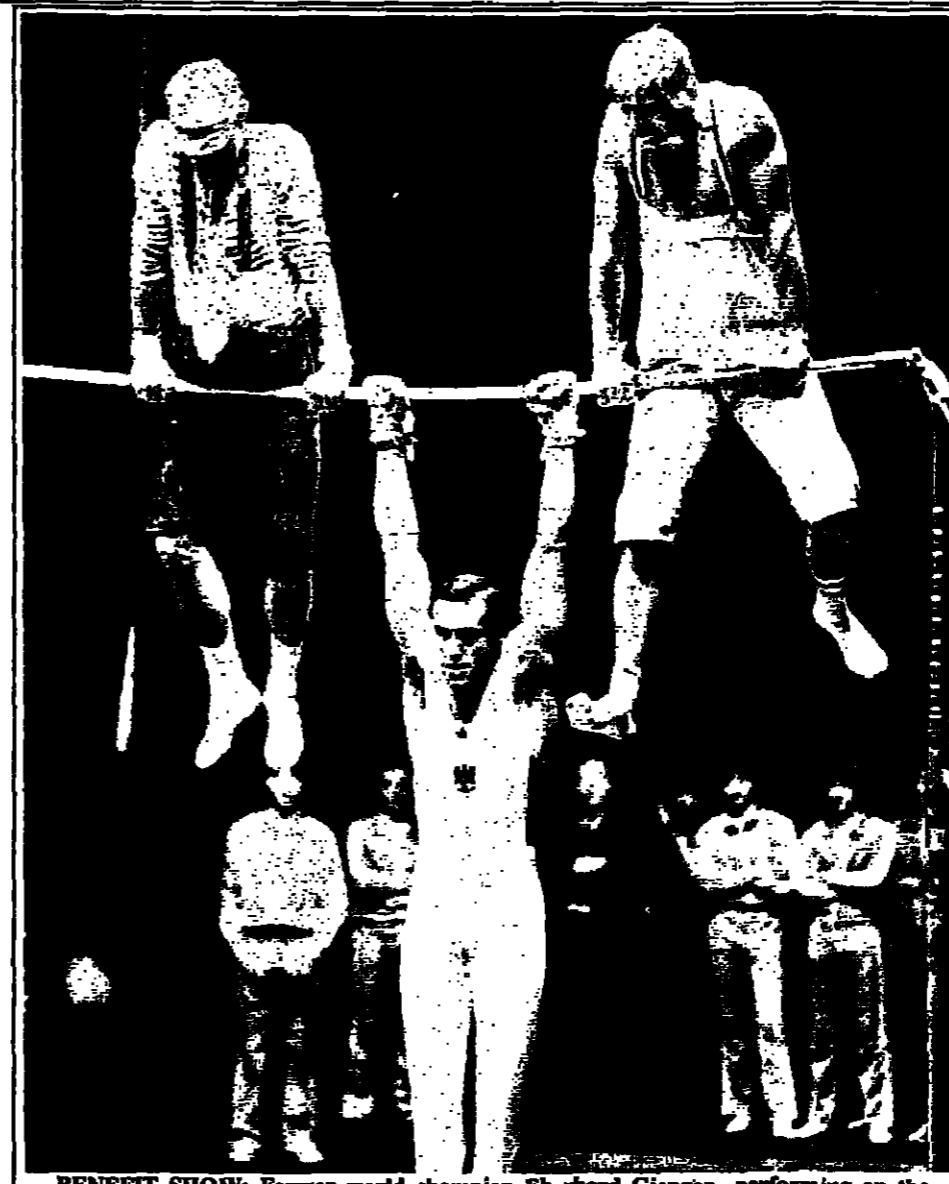
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Jahangir outplays Jeff Hunt

MUNICH, West Germany, March 2 (AP)

Rising star Jahangir Khan of Pakistan handed Australian world champion Jeff Hunt a surprising defeat in their first ever encounter in the final of the Canadian Club Munich Squash Tournament here Sunday.

Coming back from a second set slump the young Pakistani wiped out Hunt, 9-0, 8-10, 9-4, 9-6 setting the stage for an exciting return match during the British Open a month from now.

Jahangir Khan started sharp and never gave Hunt a chance in the first set taking it to love. In the second Hunt tried a different tactic changing the pace constantly and gradually got on top 10-8.

But it was the Australian veteran's only bright moment that night. Jahangir showed the same determination and high quality in the third that won him the first. He left Hunt in the cold taking the set 9-4.

Keeping up the pressure the Pakistani, who was regarded the future world champion by many observers here, wrapped up the Munich title with a 9-6 performance in the final set.

Footballer missing

BARCELONA, Spain, March 2 (AP)

Spanish soccer player Enrique "Quini" Castro disappeared late Sunday, police said Monday. Quini, 32, playing with Spanish premier league team Barcelona, disappeared two hours after playing a Premier League match against Hercules of Alicante here Sunday.

Quini's wife reported her husband missing when he failed to meet her at Barcelona airport after the match, police said.



Juventus have it easy

ROME, March 2 (R) — Juventus kept up their challenge for the Italian soccer title Sunday with a 5-1 win at Bologna that leaves them just one point behind leaders Roma.

The Irish midfielder Liam Brady, a star with London's Arsenal till this season, scored two of the Juventus goals. It was their biggest victory of the season.

Roma remained on top after winning 2-0 at

Torino, who were off form. Roberto got the first goal and leads the scorers' chart with 14.

At Naples a crowd of 78,000 paid a club record \$62 million lire (about \$560,000) to see Naples beat Inter-Milan, last week's leaders, 1-0.

Naples stay fourth, but with a game in hand of the teams above them.

European Soccer Results

Orient	English Division Two	St. Etienne
0	1	0
Division Three	Paris G.C.	Nantes
1	2	1
Walsall	Fulham	Metz
2	1	0
Division Four	Arsenal	Teval
2	1	0
Bradford — Rochdale — (postponed)	Liverpool	Sociedad
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Torquay	Timbers	Tours
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Embargo affects U.S. more, says Russia

MOSCOW, March 2 (AP) — The Soviet Union's top Communist Party spokesman declared Sunday that the United States is losing "profitable markets" by restricting its trade with Moscow.

If the United States denies goods to the Russians, "we can get similar types of goods in other countries," spokesman Leonid Zamyatkin asserted at a press conference.

He also said the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan is not the only cause for the decline in trade with Washington.

Continuing a Soviet campaign for a renewal of trade with Washington as well as a

Kuwait lends \$75m to Italian firm

KUWAIT, March 2 (AP) — The National Bank of Kuwait is managing a \$75 million loan in favor of Societa Finanziaria Meccanica Finmeccanica S.P.S., of Rome, Italy, the bank has announced.

The loan is also co-managed by a number of Kuwaiti and Arab banks, the announcement said Sunday.

The seven-year bond issue, the agreement for which was signed in Kuwait Sunday, will be made available to the borrower through Creditanstalt-Bankverein of Vienna on behalf of the participating banks and will be used to finance priority development projects, the announcement added.

Rationed sugar quota cut by 50% in Poland

WARSAW, March 2 (R) — The Polish government has halved the public's sugar rations and said it would impose meat rationing next month.

Against a background of severe food shortages, consultations were also underway with trade unions over temporary rationing of butter.

PAP, the official news agency, said Sunday that the previously-announced meat rationing scheme would go into effect on April 11.

revival of political detente, Zamyatkin said. "Trade is a component of the mechanism of a peaceful division of labor" throughout the world.

But he said "certain elements in the United States, who are not interested in detente, are seeking to use trade with the Soviet Union for political ends."

The United States imposed a partial grain embargo against the Soviet Union and stepped up restrictions on the export of high technology following Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979. The moves led to a 56 per cent plunge in trade from 1979 to 1980, with turnover dropping to a five-year low of \$1.96 billion according to American statistics.

Zamyatkin stressed, however, that U.S. politicians began linking trade to political issues long before the Afghan issue arose. He cited in particular the 1974 Jackson-Anik amendment that made trade credits to Moscow dependent on the granting of exit visas to Soviet Jews.

"As the result of this kind of policy, the United States is losing profitable markets and sources of raw materials," Zamyatkin said.

"I wish to state again that we approach trade with the United States on a long-term, not a transient basis."

Also appearing at the press conference was Nikolai Komarov, a first deputy Soviet foreign trade minister, who also denounced "the policy of the U.S. administration that envisages linking trade to a series of factors having nothing to do with the economic relations."

"This policy is not realistic," Komarov said. "It has no solid ground under it at the present time, when the Soviet Union has become an industrial state. We have overcome all the barriers put in our way by the United States, and the losses have been only to U.S. companies."

He added that "despite the obstacles created by the U.S. administration," Soviet trade with "developed capitalist" countries doubled between 1971-75 and 1976-80.

Zamyatkin cited the failure of the United States to ratify the 1972 U.S.-Soviet trade agreement as an early source of difficulties. Trade between the two countries fell by more than 56 per cent in 1980, compared with 1979.

"The United States is wasting time, resources and good economic opportunities by resorting to embargoes," Zamyatkin said.



Labor unrest in New Zealand nears end

WELLINGTON, March 2 (R) — The government and the trade union movement Monday reached an agreement which appeared to signal an end to a week of widespread strikes in New Zealand over the arrest of union pickets.

Prime Minister Robert Muldoon said the government would discuss picket laws with unionists and employers if striking workers returned to their jobs. Federation of Labor president Jim Knox said it would recommend they go back to work from Tuesday.

The trouble started last Tuesday when Qantas Airways' engineers striking for higher

pay were arrested in the baggage handling area of Auckland airport and charged with trespassing on restricted areas.

Their arrest sparked off strikes that paralyzed public transport, shutdown some factories and closed almost half of New Zealand's export meat-processing plants.

Meanwhile Sunday, air force planes began ferrying more than 7,000 people stranded in Australia and New Zealand by a two-week-old Qantas Airways strike and the labor unrest.

Australia's biggest civilian airlift since cyclone Tracy devastated Darwin in 1974 was announced after a cabinet meeting in Can-

berra Saturday.

An estimated 5,000 travelers are stranded in New Zealand and about half that number in Australia.

Three Australian air force planes crossed the Tasman Sea to bring back the first batch of travelers from air base near Auckland.

New Zealand air force planes will probably join the operation which was expected to take up to three days.

The strike by Qantas ground staff followed the suspension of a cleaner. Auckland airport was closed by a protest strike over the arrest of union pickets last week.

London rated costliest city

LONDON, March 2 (AFP) — London is the world's most expensive capital for tourists to stay in, according to the Consumers Association.

In a *Good Hotel Guide* published Monday, it said many hotel proprietors were "horrifyingly complacent" about the "poor Standards" of their establishments.

The association also said the practice of supplementing the wages of hotel staff with tips was a "degrading farce." Service charges, it said, should be added to the regular hotel bill.

The guide said that southern Englishmen could vacation more cheaply in France than at home, even after paying ferry boat fares.

Foreign visitors will find a cheaper holiday in any Mediterranean country, "as well as a more dependable and agreeable climate," the guide said.

A family of four living in southern England could take their car to France and stay in a chateau outside Paris for £ 310 (\$682) a week, the book said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.85	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.00	112.00	—	
Canadian Dollar	2.78	—	—	
Deutsche Mark (100)	156.00	159.00	155.70	
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	141.00	140.70	
Egyptian Pound	—	4.15	4.33	
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.99	91.10	
French Franc (100)	67.00	68.00	66.35	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	—	40.45
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—	7.75
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—	15.90
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	33.50	32.60	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.90	—	16.00	
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.40	10.36	
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.17	
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.00	83.30	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	70.40	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.85	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.95	
Pound Sterling	—	7.35	7.32	
Qatari Rival (100)	—	91.90	91.90	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.00	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	38.45	
Swiss Franc (100)	—	170.00	168.00	
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.00	56.00	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—	1.7200
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.343	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.20	73.25	
Gold kg.	—	50,850.00	—	
10 Tolas bar	—	6,000.00	—	
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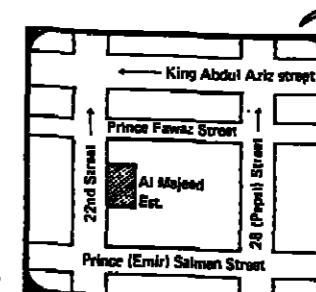
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U.S. plans massive defense expansion

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's administration will spell out its goal of "peace through strength" this week with specific proposals for rebuilding defenses that will call for the most lavish peace-time military spending ever by a new administration.

The U.S. defense secretary is expected to ask Congress for a net boost of several billion dollars over the military budget authority totals recommended by former President Carter for this year and the next.

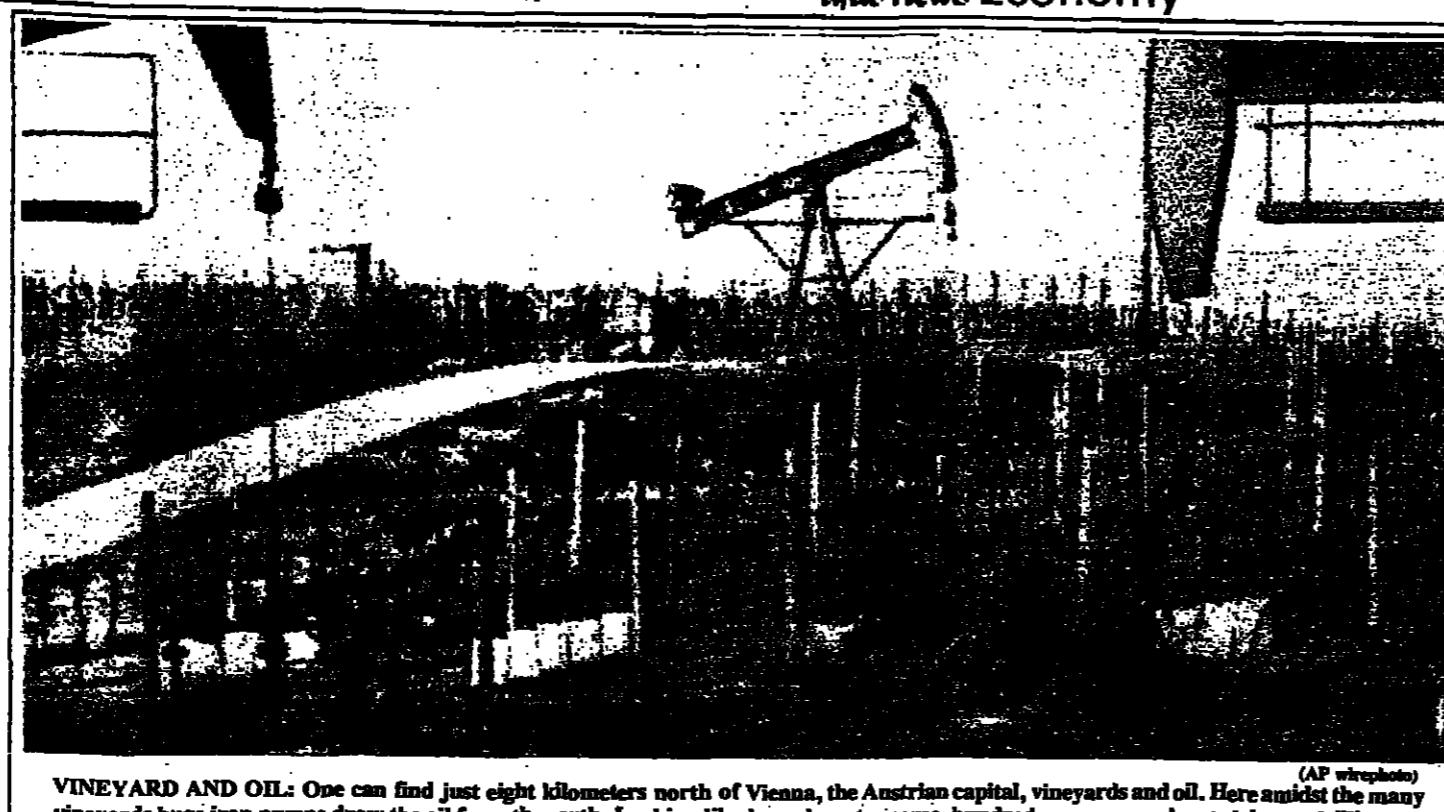
These proposals would raise defense budget authority to \$177.7 billion in fiscal 1981, which ends Sept. 30, and to \$222.8 billion in fiscal 1982. Only a small fraction of this would actually be spent in those two years. Most of the new authority, permitting the Pentagon to make contract commitments, would be "spent out" in future years as new ships, planes and other equipment are produced.

The new administration's unprecedented peacetime generosity to the armed services is in line with President Reagan's assertion that one of his top priorities is to "rebuild the nation's inadequate defense capabilities." Reagan contends the Soviet Union has outspent the United States by \$300 billion for defense since the late 1960s.

Documents prepared in the Pentagon list more than 450 military programs that stand to benefit from the administration's planned defense expansion.

They range from nearly \$2.5 billion to push development of an advanced bomber down to \$10 million for maintenance at Johnson Atoll in the Pacific, where chemical warfare agents are stored. The great bulk of the added funds would go to strengthen conventional sea, air and land power.

A main thrust of the Reagan proposals is to reverse Carter cutbacks and stretchouts in purchase of key new weapons and equipment.



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Clouds over trade China's canceling orders jolts Japan

TOKYO, March 2 (R) — Japan's China fever has been cured by a series of abrupt cancellations of contracts worth more than \$1.5 billion for cooperation projects, and there are clouds over future trade between the two Asian neighbors.

Japan's rush into China started in earnest in 1978 with the signing of a long-term trade agreement, but has now halted as China pulls back from its ambitious modernization plans.

Peking officials cite China's foreign exchange shortage and economic readjustment for cutting big projects it cannot afford.

Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is awaiting a visit here by a high-ranking Peking official for an explanation of what is happening in China.

The Japan Machinery Exporters' Association calculates that so far China's Technical Import Corporation, which handles plant imports, has dropped contracts worth 300 million yen (\$1.5 billion).

These include China's showcase industrial

project, a plan to build a giant steelmaking complex at Baoshan near Shanghai, and petrochemical refineries at Nanjing and in Shandong province.

A host of leading Japanese companies such as Nippon Steel and Mitsubishi have been left holding the bag, with millions of dollars worth of equipment set for shipment now sitting in Japanese ports.

While government-supported export insurance will cover the bulk of the losses, trading houses and MITI officials are worried about the implications for future China trade if the insurance policies must be invoked.

Under the complicated terms of the export insurance arrangements, China could be denied all future credits from Japan's Export-Import Bank if it does not make good on claims by Japanese companies for compensation for the cancelled contracts.

And without Export-Import Bank financing, which heavily subsidizes foreign trade, deals with China would be almost out of reach because they would become far too

expensive and risky.

Trading company officials here are attributing the Chinese moves to miscalculations by the Peking government, shortages of foreign exchange, lack of coordination between the central and provincial governments, and to the recent struggles over the country's political leadership.

In every case, the executives said, Japanese companies were told that their contracts were suspended in telex messages from Peking with no reasons given.

This has come as a heavy blow to the Japanese firms, who led the rush to Peking when China started moving with great fanfare on its ambitious plan to catch up with the industrialized world.

Their shock has been heightened by the fact that Japanese missions invited to advise Peking on some of its plans often expressed private misgivings about the dimensions of the Chinese schemes and the lack of careful planning that characterizes Japanese projects:

French miners launch anti-coal import drive

MARSEILLES, France, March 2 (AFP)

— Miners in southern France, worried about their jobs, have mounted a campaign of harassment and sabotage against coal imports from the United States, West Germany, Poland, Britain and Morocco.

They have impeded the coal deliveries to a large cement works near here, sinking one truckload at the Mediterranean port of Fos-Sur-Mer near here and dumping four other loads at the entrance to the works in the presence of police.

The issue of French versus foreign coal has become an important theme in the presidential campaign now under way, as the Communist Party has supported the miners' efforts for maximum exploitation of French mines.

At least one cement firm has said that the local coal is too expensive and poorly adapted to its needs, while the miners want to impose the use of their coal and thereby stem the economic decline of the region.

Miners for the last ten months have occupied pits at a depth of 800 meters near

the town of Ales, northwest of here to prevent their closure. About 200 of them began the occupation last May.

The miners, symbolically, are continuing to extract small amounts of coal, which they sell from trucks throughout the region, avoiding police checks.

The nationalized coal board Charbonnages de France does not want to produce uneconomically and is refusing to exploit mines that have heavy deficits.

But the region, known as the Province de France, does not appear doomed, as a production program has just been adopted which ought to allow the production of two million tons of coal a year by 1990.

Meanwhile, the Nord-Pas de Calais basin in north-eastern France is to be closed, while the Lorraine basin in the east is to continue to produce its current 10 million tons annually.

These figures are nowhere near annual coal consumption, 52 million tons, of which more than half comes from abroad.

At the same time, the French coal industry, under severe criticism from Communists, is seeking to extend its activities abroad.

BRIEFS

the cutback with imported oil.

LONDON, (AFP) — A world conference on solar energy will be held in the southern England resort of Brighton from August 23 to 28, with backing from the European Community, the British and American energy departments, and UNESCO.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The West German mark has firmed considerably within the European Monetary System (EMS) this week following a rise in German interest rates, it was noted here. The mark had been at its lowest permitted level against the French franc, but is now within the limits indicating divergence and has thus returned to the fold of stronger European currencies.

ROME, (AFP) — Italy is to invest more than 6,000 million lira (\$6,000,000) to put its heavily indebted steel industry on a better financial footing, it was announced. The state-owned Italsider firm has cut the pay of 120,000 of its employees by 30 per cent in February.

EDMONTON, (AFP) — Canada's leading oil producing province of Alberta is to cut its light and medium oil output by more than 100,000 barrels a day from Sunday, in a bid to force the federal government to review its energy policy. Canada would have to pay Canadian \$70 million a month if it replaced



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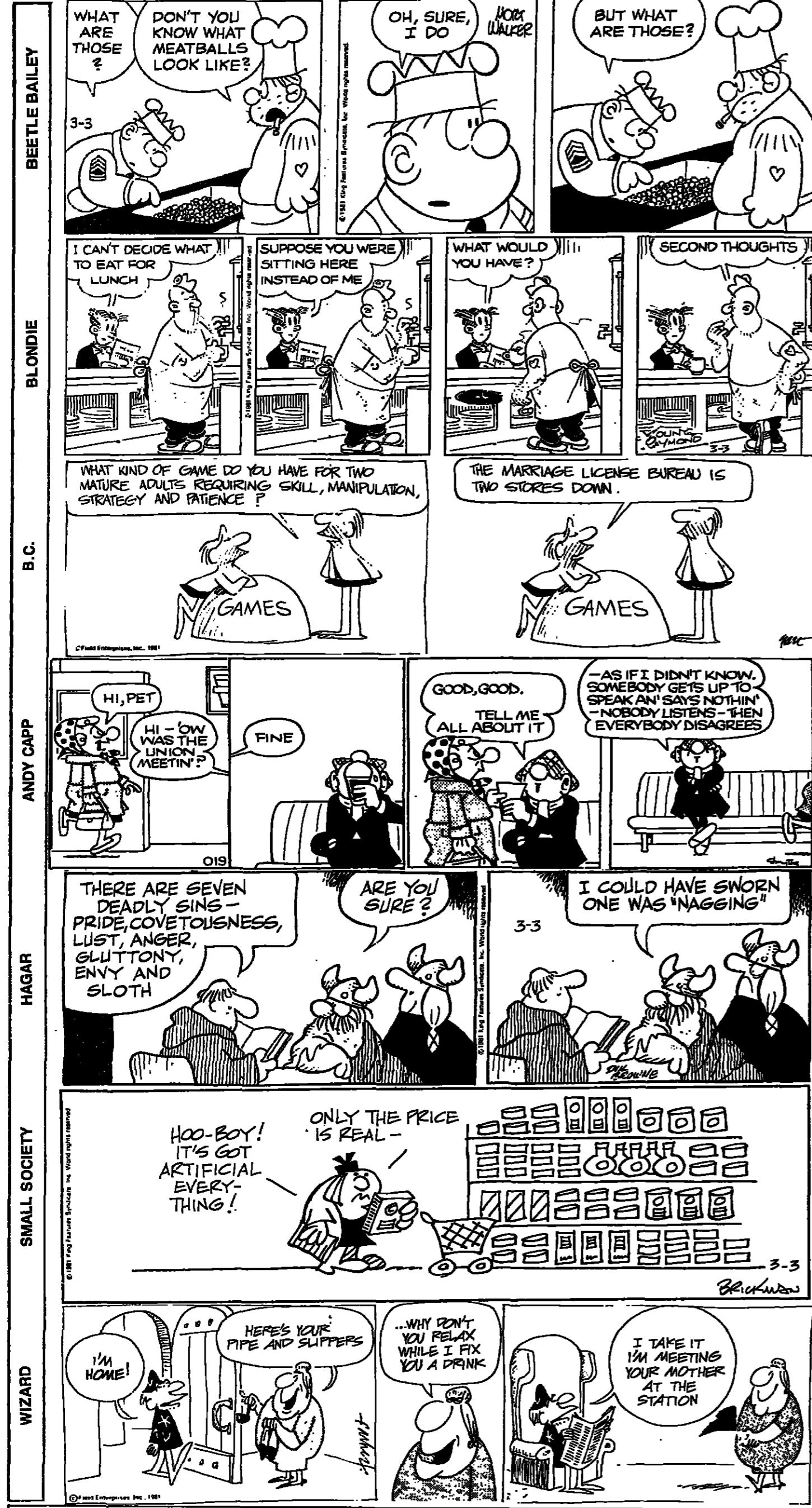
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♦A J 8 2
♦K 10 3
♦Q K 10 6 4
♦4

WEST

♦7 4 3
♦7 2
♦9 5 2
♦K Q 9 8 6

EAST

♦Q 10 9 6
♦8 6 4
♦A 7 3
♦J 5 3

SOUTH

♦K 5
♦Q A J 9 5
♦J 8
♦A 10 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♦			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Long bidding sequences consist of extended exchanges of information by which the respective partners hope to find their best contract. Point count, whether based on high cards or distributional values, is not necessarily the best guide. Good judgment and long experience are much more reliable guides than the arithmetical calculation of the worth of the two hands. This is especially true in slam bidding.

South needed no further prodding. He recognized that North had at most one club and that this was a surefire key to a slam. Accordingly, South leaped to six hearts, which he easily made. He took the club lead with the ace, played the diamond jack at trick two, and there was nothing the defenders could do to stop the slam.

Consider the present case where North-South arrived at

six hearts. South opened one heart and North, knowing that a game was practically certain and that a slam was also distinctly possible, responded two diamonds. It was the first of three bids made by North to describe both his high-card values and his distribution to partner.

After South rebid his hearts, North continued the piecemeal description of his hand by bidding two spades. One effect of North's first two bids was that he indicated longer diamonds than spades. This was because he had bid diamonds first. Two spades was forcing because it was a new suit named by responder. It also showed extra values beyond those indicated by North's first response.

After the two notrump bid, North completed the picture of his hand by jumping to four hearts. This strongly suggested 4-3-5-1 distribution and greater high-card values than a three heart bid would have indicated.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Romance and creative interests bring joy. You'll make important decisions about heart interests now. Self-confidence brings you rewards.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't fret. Your party will be a success. Keep domestic plans confidential. You may hear of a good financial opportunity now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Speak up at club functions. Some of you will be elected to office. Be straightforward with others and you'll succeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Avoid dubious financial schemes. Career interests should pay off profitably now. Seek ways to improve your overall security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

The personal touch brings you success in dealing with others. You'll receive valuable advice now. Travel plans are also favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Keep investment plans confidential. Beat others to the punch. You work best now from a behind-the-scenes vantage point.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Neighbor

40 Actress,

Barbara —

41 Concerning —

42 German city

43 Hammer part

DOWN

1 — button

2 Plowed field

3 Mature

4 Menu words

5 Put the

icitus on

6 Famed

soprano

7 Ending

for exam

24 Optimistic

25 Sufferings

26 Undersized

BELA L'ATIN
LILED HOTONE
AIDDA ASTUTE
DIEGRADE RED
ERIE MARTINI
TIT ASSE
ARUBA TIMER
MESA HIT
EVERTED SAM
REIL WRESTLE
CRETIN TOOT
FISSENE ERNE
DIESTE PEER

Yesterday's Answer

9 Bar offer

12 Papal envoy

16 Medit. resort

19 Subdue

22 Alfred —

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Sinai settlers on protest

Six new settlements planned for W. Bank

TEL AVIV, March 2 (Agencies) — Israel will begin building six new settlements on the occupied West Bank later this week, a top settlement official has announced.

Matiyahu Drorless, head of the world Zionist organizations settlement department, said the finance ministry had approved a special budget of \$57.5 million for the building work.

The decision to establish the settlements was taken a few months ago by the Israeli cabinet. The six outputs are: Yekir B. Nili, Shavei Shomron, Mitzpe Guvrin, Tekoa B and Michmash.

Meanwhile, thousands of Jewish settlers in Sinai blocked roads leading to their towns as

part of general strike Monday in protest at what they regard as inadequate compensation for the evacuation of the area when it returns to Egypt in April next year.

Residents of Yamit, in northern Sinai parked trucks and tractors across the main road and publicized their complaints with large placards and loudspeakers. They did not carry out their earlier threat to stop Israeli tourists crossing into Egypt at the nearby border post.

At the southern tip of the peninsula, residents of Ophira shut their tourist resort for four hours but because of the relaxed atmosphere, the strike was hardly felt by holiday makers basking in the sun.

The settlers want the government to give compensation and are protesting against a decision to charge income tax on it, thus reducing its value considerably.

The settlers also set fire to an old pickup truck and some tires on the road. The government last year approved payments of between \$200,000 and \$360,000 for farms and houses in the northeastern corner of Sinai that will have to be evacuated. It decided to impose tax on the income following public outcry at the enormity of the sums involved.

About 100 of the area's 3,500 settlers braved rain and cold to take part in the road blockade. Vehicles were delayed and forced to wait, but traffic was sparse. Two tourist buses got through with little delay, and a driver carrying mail to Egypt did not mind the shutdown. "I support them (the settlers) all the way," he said.

Although the immediate cause of the blockade was money, the protest reflected deeper resentments among the settlers.

All the demonstrators voiced opposition to the peace treaty. "In New York, they told me to come to Yamit and build a future," said Jeff Benjamin, a former New York insurance agent. "Now I've got to pick up the threads of my life again."

Yamit is the mother city of the Sinai zone that Israel began to build up 10 years ago. It is surrounded by 13 Moshavim, or agricultural settlements.

Many settlers have taken their compensation money and left. Another group involved about 100 families has vowed to stay and fight the peace treaty, but the majority is waiting for the financial dispute to be settled and then will move out. They warned of more drastic action to come.

Lebanon-bound ammunition seized

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, March 2 (AP) — More than 52,000 rounds of ammunition which authorities say was illegally bound for Lebanon were seized Saturday at a South Carolina port authority dock.

The ammunition was seized in connection with the arrest of two Lebanese living in this country, authorities said. Antoine Joseph

Boussamra, 27, was arrested by an agent of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in a car on a road in Columbia, South Carolina.

Andre Y. Ayoub, also 27, of Methuen, Massachusetts, was arrested at his home. The two men charged under a federal law which makes it illegal to place firearms or ammunition into interstate or international commerce without notifying the carrier. U.S. Customs Special Agent Robert G. Austin said the men would also be charged with violating international arms traffic regulations. Bond hearings for both were scheduled for Monday.

ATF agent Andrew Pate said the ammunition was packed in crates labeled as electrical motors and spare electrical parts. It was to have been loaded on a ship that had not yet docked, he said. The ammunition consisted of 52,775 9 mm rounds. Authorities did not say who in Lebanon was to get the ammunition. The crates were addressed to be shipped to Cyprus, but ATF agents say they're sure the ammunition was destined for Lebanon.

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ILLEGAL: Israelis build new settlements in occupied territories. Six more settlements will be set up this week. The rush to build new, illegal settlements on Arab lands comes three months before Israeli elections in June.

Chad, Sahara questions deferred to June summit

ADDIS ABABA, March 2 (R) — African foreign ministers Monday ended a meeting at which two potentially divisive issues, Libya's action in Chad and the status of the Western Sahara, were deferred to a summit next June.

At an early morning press conference, Ero Kodjo, secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said the Libyan intervention in Chad and the question of Western Sahara's membership of the OAU were being dealt with by an ad hoc committee of heads of state.

Kodjo Monday said the last OAU summit in June backed Western Sahara's application for membership. The new republic was declared by the Polisario fighters opposing Moroccan troops in the former Spanish colony. Morocco threatened to resign from the OAU if Western Sahara was admitted.

The heads of state committee recommended a ceasefire and a referendum in the territory but neither has occurred. Both Western Sahara and Chad are expected to figure prominently in the OAU heads of state summit in Nairobi in June.

Informed sources said Libya's intervention in the Chad civil war and a controversial plan to merge Libya and Chad had also been the subject of behind-the-scenes talks in which Nigeria was prominent. But north and west

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Help to Nicaragua halted, senator says

WASHINGTON, March 2 (Agencies) — The United States has decided to cut off all aid to Nicaragua, Sen. Jesse Helms, an influential Republican who heads the Senate Subcommittee for Western Hemisphere Affairs, said here.

In a television interview Sunday, Sen. Helms said, "I don't know whether they (the State Department) announced it or not. But they have cut it off." He was referring to U.S. aid to the Sandinista government, which the administration of Ronald Reagan has charged with supplying arms to El Salvador.

Asked about the \$15 million which remain to be paid from a \$75 million loan granted to Nicaragua by the United States, Sen. Helms replied, "I have a letter from the State Department saying that the rest of it is going to be withheld."

The Reagan administration meanwhile took

Honduras fears war

TEGUCIGALPA, March 2 (AP) — A military official said here Sunday the people of Honduras should form a "common front" and prepare themselves for the possible outbreak of a full-fledged war with Nicaragua. In a nationwide television broadcast Maj. Julio Armando Pavon said "the danger of war could be inevitable because of the belligerence shown lately by (Nicaragua's) popular Sandinista army. 'The danger exists,'" Pavon said, and added "the people of Honduras should behave the same way they did in 1969, when they helped the armed forces combat foreign aggression."

In July of 1969 a five-day border conflict between Honduras and El Salvador claimed an estimated 2,000 lives. The possibility of war between Honduras and Nicaragua was being talked about on both sides of the border Sunday.

Kenya closes university

NAIROBI, March 2 (AFP) — The Kenyan authorities closed Nairobi University and Kenyatta University Monday and brought forward the Easter vacation in what was seen here as a move to head off student unrest and a threatened boycott of lectures. The closure coincided with the anniversary of the death in unexplained circumstances of J.M. Karuki, a popular national assembly member, who was murdered six years ago and whose anniversary has triggered campus unrest in the past.

President Daniel Arap Moi, who is chancellor of the university, said Saturday that he would not tolerate a lecture boycott and warned that firm measures would be taken to prevent it. His comment followed the distribution of anonymous tracts calling for a boycott. Moi, speaking on Friday on his return from an official visit to India, criticized both the university and the education ministry, saying that Nairobi University had a bad reputation and had become "a place for demonstrations and drunkards."

Students, who were only told of the closure at breakfast time Monday, were leaving with their suitcases shortly afterward. The vacation is scheduled to last until March 22.

Last year, the authorities closed down the university Feb. 27. It remained closed for three months.

Dollar soars; gold hits record low

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — The dollar surged on world foreign exchanges Monday thanks to high interest rates, while gold prices hit an 11-month low in London.

Higher Eurodollar rates and a renewed general bullishness for the U.S. currency brought sharp dollar gains almost everywhere.

In London, the British pound slumped 2½ cents to \$2.1778 from \$2.2030 late Friday, the dollar's highest mark against sterling since April 9, 1980 when the pound closed at \$2.1760.

In Tokyo, the dollar climbed to the 210-yen level for the first time since mid-December, closing at 210.75 yen from 208.85 Friday. In later European trading, the dollar rose further to 211.13 yen.

London's five bullion houses fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$474.50 a troy ounce, down from \$490.50 late Friday and gold's lowest mark in London since March 27, 1980, when it closed at \$474. In Zurich, the metal was quoted at a median \$474.50, from \$488.50. In Hong Kong, gold fell \$8.46 to close at \$479.35.

Silver was quoted in London at \$11.73 an ounce, down from \$12.45 Friday and its lowest price since May 22, 1980. Bullion prices were suffering because of the sound dollar, and the guaranteed high return available on dollar investments, dealers said.

its first step toward increasing the U.S. military presence in El Salvador. It is sending six navy advisers to the strife-torn central American republic. The group will bring the number of military advisers the United States has sent to El Salvador to 25. A State Department spokesman declined to comment Sunday on reports that the administration planned to send 30 more.

The spokesman also refused to confirm reports that the United States would soon authorize at least \$25 million in additional aid to El Salvador.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher condemned all interference in El Salvador from "whatever quarter it comes" in an interview, prepared in Washington before her return to London, that was broadcast by the ABC Television network Sunday.

Mrs. Thatcher said that it was Britain's position that the Salvadoran people should decide their own future "without any external interference." "That's the language we used over Poland," she said. "That's the language we used over Afghanistan." She said that Britain does "condemn the terrible thing" — the "violence" — that is happening in El Salvador.

In El Salvador, heavy fighting continued Sunday between leftist guerrillas and government troops in the eastern province of San Vicente, refugees streaming into the capital, that was broadcast by the ABC Television network Sunday.

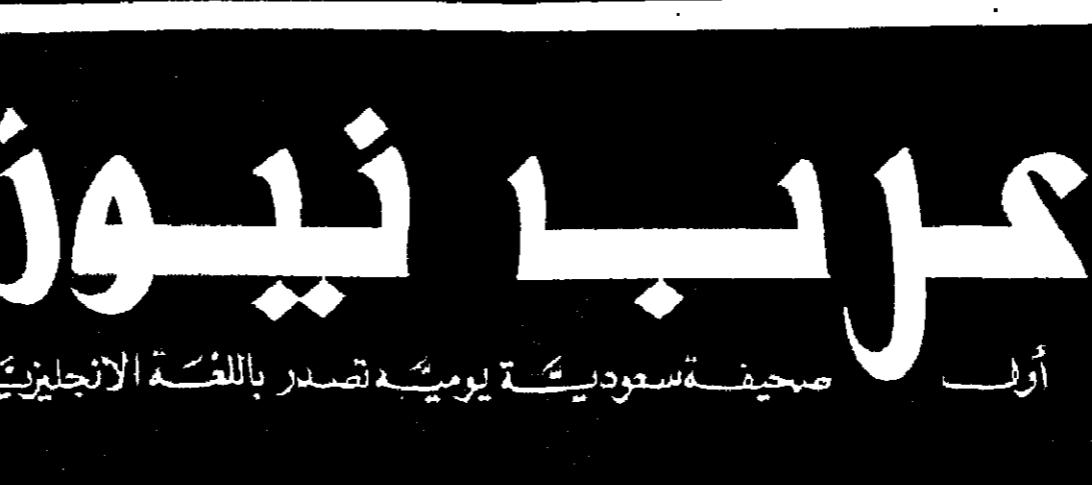
Witnesses from San Vicente said troops loyal to the civilian-military junta, backed by jet fighters, managed to repel guerrilla attacks on at least two towns in the area late Saturday but added that "sporadic and heavy gunfire" could still be heard near the towns of San Lorenzo and neighboring Santo Domingo Sunday.

The battle for control of San Lorenzo, about 48 kms east of here, has been raging for the past three days, refugees from the province said. A military spokesman in the capital Sunday described the fighting in the eastern province as "an army clean-up operation."

In Panama City, delegate to an emergency meeting of the Socialist International agreed Sunday to ask former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt to mediate the dispute between Marxist-led guerrillas and the U.S.-backed ruling junta in El Salvador.

"We have selected Brandt for that mission because of his democratic political leadership and because he is the owner of a Nobel peace prize," a spokesman for the International told the Associated Press.

The decision to ask for Brandt's personal mediation in the Salvadoran conflict came at the end of the second day of private meetings here at which, informed sources said, the International also decided to urge the United States, the Soviet Union and Cuba to stop intervening in El Salvador.

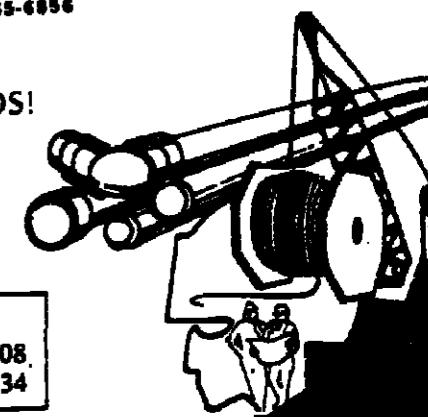


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WOUNDED STUDENT: Relief volunteers carry a San Salvador student wounded while playing soccer Saturday when government forces and leftist guerrillas exchanged fire.

Gunmen kill Uganda aide

KAMPALA, March 2 (AFP) — The managing director of Uganda's posts and telecommunications, Saitas Munavi, was shot dead by unknown gunmen this weekend as violence continued to sweep the Ugandan countryside. Five other people were reported killed in the same attack.

The gunmen, who struck in the industrial town of Jinja, 80 kms east of here, late Saturday, also critically wounded Munavi's driver, and three other passengers. Police have so far reported no arrests.

The shooting took place at a railway crossing just three km outside Jinja as Munavi was returning from celebrations staged by the ruling Uganda People's Congress (UPC) in Iganga town, 32 kms away, to mark the party's victory in the December general elections.

The celebrations, held in an area which mainly voted for the opposition Democratic Party (DP) in the elections, were attended by Paulo Muwanga, the country's vice-president and defense minister, and seven other cabinet ministers.

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Probe begins in Madrid

MADRID, March 2 (AFP) — The investigation into last week's putsch attempt in Spain has crystallized the nation's attention, as both King Juan Carlos and the political-military ETA were calling for a thoughtful setting aside of arms and bad feelings.

In latest developments, a well-known extreme right-wing militant, Juan Garcia Carres, has been turned over to legal authorities, and a well-known figure in the world of finance who allegedly provided the plotters with financial backing was being investigated. Investigators were also looking into articles published by the far right-wing daily *El Alcazar*, jointly signed by a group of civilians and military men going by the code name "Almendros" (the almond trees).

The name Almendros is apparently a reference to the second of two planned coup attempts which, according to other Spanish newspapers, was not due until spring "when the almond trees blossom." The first coup attempt, carried out when right-wing civil guards invaded the parliament Feb. 23, was thought to have been hatched prematurely, the newspapers said quoting high-placed sources.

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uary 1 issue of *El Alcazar* notably wrote, "we have entered an era in which the king and the armed forces will have a much larger role to play," an explicit reference to the rebel civil guards' aim to install the king at the head of the military takeover. "We are at the crucial point," the article continued. "The countdown has begun. Political irresponsibility has turned into a lamentable process obliging the crown to intervene."

In a still more explicit article published Feb. 22, the eve of the failed putsch, *El Alcazar* published a front-page photo of an emptied Cortes (parliament), with the caption, "Everything is ready for Monday's session."

Just hours later Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero had burst into the Cortes to announce the coup.

Investigators were also interested in the case of Lorenzo Herranz, director of *Spic* magazine, a private publication distributed to travel agencies on a subscription basis only. Several civil guards who participated in the coup attempt were found to possess copies of the magazine, which directly alluded to the putsch to be carried out "on Monday, Feb. 23 in the afternoon."

Meanwhile, Spanish defense minister Alberto Oliart has backed up King Juan Carlos' efforts to avoid a witchhunt for alleged coup sympathizers which could provoke the armed forces to close ranks and lash back at their critics. In an interview published Sunday in the liberal daily *El País*, Oliart said, "the events must be judged in accordance with the law," adding that he favored "punishment of the guilty" but without "contestation of the loyalty of the armed forces and the forces of order to constitutional legality."

PIA plane lands unexpectedly in Afghanistan

KARACHI, March 2 (AP) — A Pakistan International Airlines Boeing 720 en route to Peshawar in northwest Pakistan with 141 persons on board made an unexpected landing in Kabul, Afghanistan Monday, the airline announced.

No further details were disclosed, but there were fears here that the aircraft may have been hijacked. The airline said it had no further details immediately. Those aboard the aircraft included 130 passengers and 11 crew.

Both the hurt were reported in stable condition at hospital. A police spokesman said one person was arrested. Capt. Paul Dej said a member of the St. Augustine High School band was winged in the neck, an investigator was hit in the lower abdomen.

"It happened about four meters from us," said Leslie Ward. "There was this high school band passing by. All of a sudden, I hear noise. 'All the band began moving to my front. The police pushed everybody away. There was a lot of confusion. I police got their riot sticks out and started pushing the band forward to clear the street."

Early reports said as many as four persons had been hit, but Dej who got to the scene moments after the shooting, said there were two victims. "There was a whole lot of confusion," he said. "The shooting held up a parade for about a half-hour."

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SECURITY MEASURE: Passengers of a bus refuse to have their identities checked late Friday as police forces set up checkpoints around Hamburg as security measure before an anti-nuclear demonstration near Brokdorf power plant construction site in West Germany. In spite of a court ban, the Saturday demonstration turned out to be Europe's biggest anti-nuclear rally.

Armed bandits loot bus, train passengers in India

NEW DELHI, March 2 (AP) — At least 69 persons were injured, several seriously, in separate incidents when armed bandits attacked and looted two buses, two trains and a village in northern India, news reports said Monday. The robbers looted one bus and threw a bomb at it, reports said. They then halted a second bus near the site of the first holdup near Nawadah, about 300 kilometers northeast of Calcutta and robbed the passengers.

These attacks took place in Bihar state

while in neighboring Uttar Pradesh, 19 villagers were wounded when armed robbers attacked Mohabera village Sunday. Six were reportedly seriously hurt when the "dacoits" — or bandits — looted the entire village and set 10 houses ablaze.

Police, meanwhile, shot and killed five alleged gangsters in a fierce clash in Deoria district, also in Uttar Pradesh, the reports said. The slayings raised the death toll in clashes between police and villagers to at least 55.

About 20 persons were injured in the robbery.

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